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# news from HOPE COLLEGE

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## The investiture

Autumn trees weren't the only things dressed in bright colors outside Dimnent Memorial Chapel before the inauguration of the tenth Hope College president. The pageantry and grace of college professors and representatives donned in colorful academic regalia also surrounded the investiture of Hope's new president on a sunny but brisk day, Friday, Oct. 9.

Ceremonies for the inauguration of Dr. John H. Jacobson took place before approximately 1,300 people in the Chapel and another 100 watching from remote television in Winants Auditorium of Graves Hall.

When the academic procession began, with approximately 160 delegates from educational institutions in 30 states, it was truly a family affair. Since the order of the procession at an inauguration is determined on the basis of age of the institution with the oldest marching first, four Jacobson family members led the delegation. Dr. Jacobson's brother, Dr. Carl Whitney Jacobson of Oberlin, Ohio was the delegate from Harvard (founded in 1630) while his father, Dr. John H. Jacobson, Sr. of New Paltz, N.Y. represented Yale (1701). The new president's son, John E. Jacobson of Swarthmore, Penn., and daughter-in-law, Gail Grubelich Jacobson, were the delegates from the University of Pennsylvania (1740).

After the invocation given by the Rev. Dr. Wilbur Washington, the vice president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, greetings to Dr. Jacobson were brought by Marvin Baldwin, president of Student Congress; Dr. Jane Dickie, associate professor of psychology; and Dr. James W. Hall, president of Empire State College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Upon receiving an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from the presenter Provost Jacob E. Nyenhuis and the Board of Trustees, Dr. Jacobson was given the Charge to the President by Max O. DePree, chairman of the Board.

Coincidentally, it was 15 years ago that Mr. DePree's brother, Hugh DePree, delivered the charge to the president at the inauguration of then Hope president Gordon J. Van Wylen. Hugh DePree was chairman of the Board at that time.

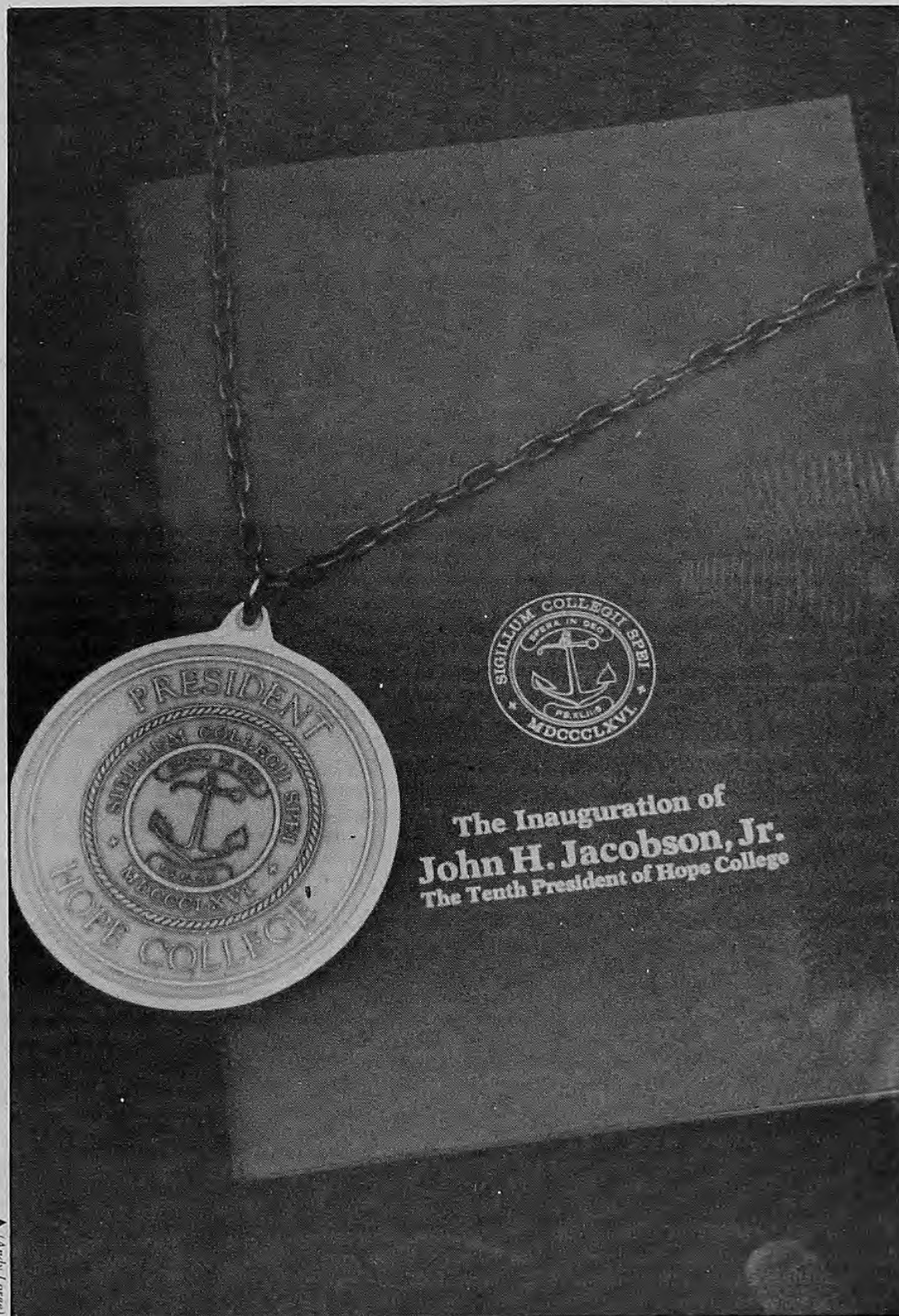
After receiving the presidential medallion, a bronze medal struck for the first time in honor of the occasion, Dr. Jacobson delivered his inaugural address, commending Hope for its historical and present loving, joyful, and accepting community as well as its dedication to academic excellence.

Hope's first non-Dutch president also lauded the college's founders for their dedication to higher education and thanked the Presidential Search Committee for "not particularly caring whether I had a Dutch name, which I do not, but rather what my ideas and values are."

Music for the ceremony was provided by organist Roger Davis, professor of music, the Hope College Chapel Choir, directed by Prof. Roger Rietberg, and a 12-member Brass Ensemble, conducted by Dr. Robert Ritsema.

Dr. Gordon J. Van Wylen, president emeritus, closed the inauguration with prayer.

As the ceremony ended and the recessional hymn began, an atmosphere of deep concern filled Dimnent Memorial Chapel when Dr. Jacobson's father collapsed. The elder Jacobson, 83, suffers from heart problems and was transported to Holland Community Hospital by paramedics. Later transferred to Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids to prevent any complications, Dr. Jacobson Sr. returned to New York in good condition.



▲ (Andy Loree)

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*With the October festivities of the Inauguration and Homecoming, "Quote, unquote" has outgrown itself. Our expanded contents appear on page 14. The usual tidy box format will reappear in the December issue.*

# CAMPUS NOTES

**RECORD ENROLLMENT:** With its largest freshman class ever, enrollment at Hope for the 1987-88 school year has risen substantially from a year ago, according to Registrar Jon Huiskens.

The number of students studying at Hope this year equals 2,710, of which 2,503 are degree-seeking. Last year's student body totaled 2,545 with 2,302 degree-seeking students.

College officials attribute the increase to a higher student retention rate and a 100-student increase in the freshman class. (See page 5 for additional enrollment story.)

The number of students attending college for the first time totals 675, as compared to 583 a year ago, while students transferring to Hope from other colleges or universities is 96.

The enrollment by class, with last year's in parentheses, is: freshmen, 798 (737); sophomores, 632 (604); juniors, 549 (517); seniors, 524 (444); and special students, 207 (243).

The student body is comprised of 1,171 men and 1,539 women from 42 states and 28 foreign countries.

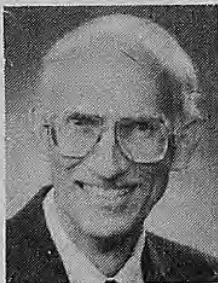
## CONVOCATION CONFERRALS:

The 126th Hope College Fall Convocation, opening the 1987-88 school year on Tuesday, Sept. 1, marked the first formal college event led by Hope's new president, Dr. John H. Jacobson. The Rev. Marchiene Rienstra, senior pastor at Hope Reformed Church in Holland, Mich. and the first woman senior pastor in the Reformed Church in America, gave this year's address entitled "Learn to Grow." Honorary Doctor of Letters degrees were conferred upon Max O. DePree and Dr. Victor Eimicke at the convocation. DePree is the newly-elected chairman of the Board of Trustees while Eimicke led the Board as chairman from 1978-1987.

**MATHEMATICS AUTHOR:** Harcourt Brace Jovanovich Publishers of San Diego, Calif. has announced the publication of two books by Dr. Elliot Tanis '56, professor of mathematics.

The volumes, entitled "Statistics I: Descriptive Statistics and Probability" and "Statistics II: Estimation and Tests of Hypotheses," are part of the publisher's College Outline Series, a set of books which takes students through elemental explanations to more difficult problems in several different subjects.

Together, Tanis' two volumes cover most of the topics which are taught in an introductory statistics course that has algebra as its only mathematics prerequisite. Each chapter covers a topic of fundamental principles broken down into outline form for easy reference. The two books contain 1,362 examples and exercises with complete solutions given for 950 of them. Interspersed within the volumes are examples which have an international dimension. These examples were developed with the aid of a grant to Hope College from the Exxon Educational Foundation for the purpose of internationalizing Hope's curriculum.



**A REAL FLYING DUTCHMAN:** Four parachutists landed in the Holland Municipal Stadium prior to the kickoff of Hope's Homecoming game against Albion College. The Flying Dutchmen, the football kind, avoided another tie with the Britons and won 31-28. If the last minute field goal by Albion had been good, it would have meant the third-consecutive year the two teams played to a tie.

## HOPE COLLEGE VIENNA SUMMER SCHOOL STUDENTS REUNITE ON CAMPUS:

Approximately 180 Hope alumni from 20 states returned to campus to participate in a reunion for former Vienna Summer School students. Held in conjunction with the opening of a major art exhibit in the DePree Center Art Gallery entitled "Pre-Modern Art of Vienna: 1848-1898," the event also honored three long-time Vienna Summer School professors, two of whom travelled to Holland for the gathering.

For a combined total of 69 years, Dr. Anna Spitzmueller, Prof. Felix Molzer, and Dr. Willibald Kubicek have contributed their talents to the Hope program. Molzer, a music professor, and Spitzmueller, a art history professor, were on campus to receive Distinguished Service Awards from President John Jacobson, which were presented by Provost Jacob Nyenhuis. Kubicek, a literature professor, was honored in absentia.

The Consul General of Austria at Chicago,

the Hon. Clemens A. Coreth, was also present at the reunion and for the opening of the art show. "He was full of enthusiasm" for the extraordinary exhibit and the alumni gathering, said Dr. Paul Fried, professor emeritus of history.

Alums from all but two years of the 31-year-old program were present. Several families, some of whom representing two generations of Vienna Summer School alumni, also displayed the vitality and longevity of the Hope program. Among those in attendance were David Kempker '57 and sons, Dave '83 and Dan '84, and Tom Bos '61 and daughter-in-law, Lori Lynn Bos '86. A sibling contingent was also represented—Claire Campbell '75 Boersma, Nancy Campbell '78 Post and Mary Sue Campbell '82 Beuker.

Since Dr. Fried founded the Vienna Summer School in 1956, more than one thousand students from numerous colleges and universities have studied in the Austrian capital. Dr. Stephen Hemenway, the current



director of the program, has led the program for the past 11 years.

The Hope College Vienna Summer School is the oldest program of its kind in the United States.

## NORTHWESTERN HONORS

**MYERS:** Dr.

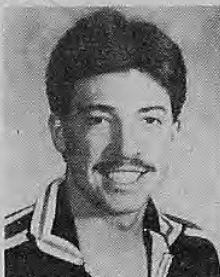
David Myers, the John Dirk Werkman professor of psychology at Hope, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree by Northwestern College of Orange City, Iowa in August. Northwestern, one of Hope's sister schools in the Reformed Church in America, conferred the degree at its 105th Fall Convocation. Dr. Myers also gave the address entitled "Day by Day."



A member of the Hope faculty since 1967, Dr. Myers is a fellow with four divisions of the American Psychological Association, one of which awarded him the Gordon Allport Prize of social psychological research. A noted textbook author of two widely used psychology volumes, Dr. Myers has recently published another book by Harper and Row entitled "Psychology Through the Eyes of Faith," which he co-authored with cognitive neuroscientist Malcolm Jeeves of the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

**A HOPE OLYMPIAN?:** Rob Peel, a 1987 Hope grad, has begun to make a long-time dream come true.

Peel, an NCAA Division III national champion in the 50-yard freestyle last year, has qualified to compete in the 50-meter freestyle at the Olympic Trials next August in Austin, Tex.



Since the conclusion of his outstanding collegiate career — he earned All-America honors 10 times in four years — Peel continued to diligently train for the U.S. Long Course National Meet in Clovis, Calif. At the meet, which was also the trials for the Pan Am Games, Peel was seeded 79th out of 84 swimmers. But the 22-year-old surprised the bracket-makers by finishing 24th with an Olympic Trials qualifying time of 23.67 seconds in the 50-meter freestyle. The Olympic cut-off for try-outs is 23.79 seconds.

"Realistically, making the Olympic team is a long shot since only the top two swimmers qualify for each event," said Peel's Hope coach, John Patnott. "But just qualifying to try out for the Olympics is an absolutely great thing. Any amateur athlete's dream is a opportunity to get a shot at making the Olympic team. Rob has the discipline and drive to continue his training. After all, he went from being a good — not even a great — high school swimmer to an outstanding college swimmer now competing at the world-class level."

## NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP AWARDED TO HOPE GRAD:

Steve Stroessner, a 1987 Hope grad, has been awarded a prestigious Jacob K. Javits Fellowship from the U.S. Department of Education.

A magna cum laude graduate, Stroessner majored in psychology. A native of Whitewater, Wisc., he is currently in a social psychology Ph.D. program at the University of California — Santa Barbara.

Only 116 graduate students were designated Javits Fellows this year. Now in its third year, the Jacob K. Javits Fellows Program is

one of the most lucrative fellowships in the country. It will provide for Stroessner's full tuition and a yearly stipend for the next four years.

**FIRST PETROVICH SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED:** Junior Sue Koehn of Carson City, Mich. has been named the first recipient of a full Michael N. Petrovich Memorial Scholarship, an endowed fund created by friends, colleagues, and students of the late member of the department of history.

Created to aid students who plan to spend a semester a year studying abroad, the scholarship is a memorial to long-time history professor Michael Petrovich who died unexpectedly in 1986.

Koehn, a business administration major, is spending this fall semester studying on the European Urban Term, a program organized through the Great Lakes Colleges Association and led this year by Dr. James Heisler, associate professor of economics at Hope.

## 90th PULL ALMOST AT THE

**END OF ITS ROPE:** This year's Pull, a sophisticated tug-of-war between men of the freshman and sophomore classes, almost left the two teams hanging on Friday, Sept. 25.

Just a few hours before the college's historical event, the Pull coaches discovered the rope was about 100 feet too short after it was stretched across the Black River in preparation for the event.

It seems that some prankster had cut the \$3,000 rope after last year's Pull.

But that wasn't considered a problem at the time. College officials took the rope to the Coast Guard where it was spliced back together over the summer. But when the rope was laid out in time for the Pull, it was discovered that the pranksters hadn't merely cut it — they had removed a sizeable chunk from the middle.

So, a frantic search began to find a replacement. The Coast Guard couldn't help out, and Pull coaches quickly dismissed the thought of getting another rope from Chicago since that would postpone the event for a day.

Finally, when all seemed to be dangling,

the Great Lakes Shipping Co. of Holland rescued the Pull. Though still not quite long enough, the loaned rope was knotted together with the existing rope by junior David Lowry, an avid sailor.

The Hope student's handiwork stood the

pulling punishment for three hours, and when the judges made their measurement, the sophomores, the class of 1990, were declared the victors. They tugged 19-foot, 7-inches of rope away from the freshmen.



**MY BEAUTIFUL BALLOONS:** Homecoming is an appropriate, festive occasion to let colorful balloons fly. Especially for the Sigma Iota Beta sisters who celebrated 10 years of sisterhood. The Kappa Delta Chi sorority also celebrated an anniversary — its 25th.



**JUST ABOUT DONE:** Construction workers are putting the finishing touches on the exterior and interior of the new Gordon and Margaret Van Wylen Library in time for its opening in January, 1988. The \$8.7 million building, funded through the recently-concluded Campaign for Hope, will be dedicated on Thursday, April 21, 1988.



# EVENTS

## ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

This year, alumni and friends across the country will have the opportunity to meet the 10th president of Hope College, Dr. John H. Jacobson, and his wife, Dr. Jeanne Jacobson, at dinner events in an area near you. The dates for the first semester of the 1987-88 academic year appear below. Dates for second semester events will be published in a future *News from Hope College*. For further information, please call the Office of Public Relations at (616) 394-7860.

Wednesday, Oct. 28 Women's City Club — Ann Arbor, Mich.  
Thursday, Oct. 29 University Club — Lansing, Mich.  
Wednesday, Nov. 4 Omni Hotel — Detroit, Mich.  
Thursday, Nov. 5 Kalamazoo Country Club — Kalamazoo, Mich.  
Thursday, Nov. 12 Midland Country Club — Midland, Mich.  
Thursday, Nov. 19 Drake Hotel — Oak Brook, Ill.  
Thursday, Dec. 3 Pointe O Woods Country Club — St. Joseph, Mich.

## Regional Dinners

### Alumni Tours

**ISRAEL AND JORDAN** — Dr. Barry Bandstra, assistant professor of religion, will lead a study tour to Israel and Jordan from June 13-25, 1988. The focus will be on Old and New Testament history. The trip is designed especially for Hope alumni and friends. The cost, which will cover all transportation, touring, meals and lodging, will be approximately \$1,400. The group will leave from and return to Chicago. For more information on this alumni tour, please contact Dr. Bandstra, c/o Department of Religion, Hope College, Holland, MI, 49423 or call (616) 394-7752.

**GREECE AND GREEK ISLANDS** — See page 23.

## THE ARTS

### Music

**Faculty Chamber Music Concert** — Sunday, Oct. 25: Featuring violinist John Gilbert and pianist Joan Conway; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 4 p.m.

**Student Recital** — Thursday, Oct. 29: Wichers Auditorium, 7 p.m.

**Faculty Chamber Music Concert** — Sunday, Nov. 1: Featuring "Music from Vienna"; Wichers Auditorium, 4 p.m.

**An Ecumenical Hymn Festival** — Sunday, Nov. 1: Hope College Chapel Choir and Calvin College Capella; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

**\*Glenn-Lund Dance Company** — Thursday and Friday, Nov. 5-6: A Great Performance Series production; DeWitt Center Theatre, 8 p.m.

**Arthur Honegger's KING DAVID** — Sunday, Nov. 8: A Oratorio featuring the Hope College Symphonette and Chapel Choir; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

**\*\*Michigan Pianists Series** — Friday, Nov. 13: Featuring Louis Nagel; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

**\*Pianist Jaime Bolipata** — Tuesday, Nov. 17: A Great Performance Series production; Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

**Student Recital** — Thursday, Nov. 19: Wichers Auditorium, 7 p.m.

**Faculty Chamber Music Concert** — Sunday, Nov. 22: Wichers Auditorium, 4 p.m.

**Hope College Wind Ensemble Concert** — Tuesday, Nov. 24: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

**Hope College Jazz Ensemble Concert** — Monday, Nov. 30: DeWitt Center Kletz, 8 p.m.

**\*\*\*Christmas Vespers** — Saturday, Dec. 5 — 8 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 6 — 2, 4:30, 8 p.m.: Dimnent Memorial Chapel

\*Great Performance Series tickets are available at the door at a cost of \$7, adults; \$6, senior citizens; \$3, students.

\*\*Michigan Pianists Series tickets can be obtained from the Hope College music department at a cost of \$3, adults; \$2, senior citizens; students and faculty, free.

\*\*\*Christmas Vespers ticket information can be obtained by calling the Hope College Public Relations Office at (616) 394-7860.

### Theatre

**As You Like It** by William Shakespeare — Oct. 28-31  
Join Rosalind, Jaques, Touchstone and a mixed cast of

characters in the Forest of Arden pursuing happiness and romance.

**La Ronde** by Arthur Schnitzler — Nov. 13-14

This two-day production will be presented in the Studio Theatre on the lower level of the DeWitt Theatre at 8 p.m. An Austrian play, it is being performed in conjunction with the DePree Art Center Gallery's current show, "Pre-Modern Art of Vienna: 1848-1898." Tickets are only \$1.

**The Dining Room** by A.R. Gurney, Jr. — Dec. 4, 5, 9-12

A touching modern comedy which delineates the dying life-style of the "white Protestant gentry" and the neglected room which was once a vital center of family life.

All plays begin at 8 p.m. in the DeWitt Center Main Theatre. Theatre tickets are available by calling (616) 392-1449/1440. Adults, \$5; senior citizens, \$4; students, \$3. The ticket office is located in the DeWitt Center foyer. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Sundays. It is only open two weeks prior to and during a theatre production.

## DePree Art Gallery Exhibits

**Pre-Modern Art of Vienna: 1848-1898** — through Sunday; Nov. 29

A majestic show of Austrian art from the last half of the 19th century. Over four years in the making, many of the 80 pieces from 30 lenders have never been displayed in the United States before.

**Juried Student Show** — Dec. 1-15

A show of Hope students' handiwork — art majors and non-art majors alike.

Gallery hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 9 p.m.

## ADMISSIONS

### Visitation Days

For prospective Hope students, including transfers, high school juniors and seniors. Visitations are intended to show students their parents a typical day in the life of Hope College. Ample opportunities to meet students, faculty and staff.

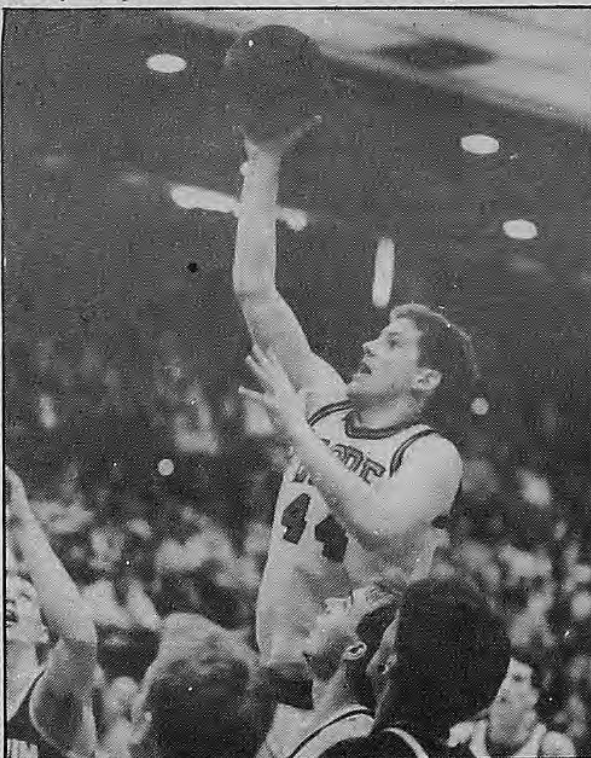
Friday, Nov. 6

Friday, Nov. 20

Friday, Dec. 4

**Science Day** — Thursday, Oct. 29

A day of special activities designed for high school



*Another fine basketball season is in store for Hope fans as the men's and women's basketball teams take to the hardwood in November. Last year's Flying Dutchmen won the league championship while the Flying Dutch finished second in the MIAA. Above, senior Matt Strong of Mona Shores, Mich. drives to the basket. He was last year's MIAA most valuable player.*

students interested in pursuing college study in the natural sciences. A chance to meet with faculty students and tour the Peale Science Center.

**New Jersey Plane Trip** — Thursday, Nov. 5 through Sunday, Nov. 8 An opportunity for New Jersey high school juniors and seniors to visit Hope College. Cost includes round-trip transportation, housing with a current Hope student, meals and activity pass. (The Wisconsin bus trip previously scheduled for this same date has been temporarily postponed.)

**Chicago Area Reception** — Tuesday, Dec. 1

Talk with Hope faculty, students, and staff near your hometown. The reception will be held at the Oak Brook Marriott.

For further information about any Admission program, call (616) 394-7850.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 23-25 — Parents' Weekend  
Thursday, Nov. 26 — Thanksgiving Recess Begins, 8 a.m.  
Monday, Nov. 30 — Thanksgiving Recess Ends, 8 a.m.  
Friday, Dec. 11 — Last Day of Classes  
Mon.-Fri., Dec. 14-18 — Semester Examinations  
Friday, Dec. 18 — Residence Halls Close, 7 p.m.

## SPORTS

### Men's Basketball

Fri.-Sat., Nov. 20-21	at G.R. Baptist Tournament
Tuesday, Nov. 24	at Aquinas, 8 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., Nov. 27-28	at Central, Iowa Tournament
Saturday, Dec. 5	Concordia, Ill., 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 9	Grand Valley, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12	Rockford, Ill., 8 p.m.
Mon.-Tues., Dec. 21-22	at Heidelberg, Ohio
	Tournament
Tues.-Wed., Dec. 29-30	Home Tournament
Wednesday, Jan. 6	Calvin, 8 p.m.*
Saturday, Jan. 9	Alma, 3 p.m.*
Wednesday, Jan. 13	Olivet, 8 p.m.*
Saturday, Jan. 16	at Adrian, 3 p.m.*
Wednesday, Jan. 20	Aquinas, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 23	Kalamazoo, 3 p.m.*
Wednesday, Jan. 27	at Albion, 8 p.m.*
Saturday, Jan. 30	at Calvin, 3 p.m.*
Wednesday, Feb. 3	at Alma, 8 p.m.*
Saturday, Feb. 6	at Olivet, 3 p.m.*
Wednesday, Feb. 10	Adrian, 8 p.m.*
Wednesday, Feb. 17	at Kalamazoo, 8 p.m.*
Saturday, Feb. 20	Albion, 3 p.m.*
March 4-5	NCAA Regionals
March 12	NCAA Quarterfinals
March 18-19	NCAA Finals

\*MIAA Game

All home games are played at the Holland Civic Center.

### Women's Basketball

Friday, Nov. 20	Wheaton, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 21	Taylor, played at Calvin, 1 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 28	Concordia, 12:55 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., Dec. 4-5	GLCA Tournament at Oberlin
Tuesday, Dec. 8	Aquinas, 6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 11	at Trinity Christian, Ill., 7 p.m.
Tues.-Wed., Dec. 29-30	Holiday Tournament at
	Baldwin-Wallace
Wednesday, Jan. 6	at Calvin, 7 p.m.*
Saturday, Jan. 9	at Alma, 1 p.m.*
Wednesday, Jan. 13	at Olivet, 7 p.m.*
Saturday, Jan. 16	Adrian, 1 p.m.*
Tuesday, Jan. 19	at Aquinas, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 23	at Kalamazoo, 1 p.m.*
Tuesday, Jan. 26	Albion, 7 p.m.*
Saturday, Jan. 30	Calvin, 11:30 a.m.*
Wednesday, Feb. 3	Alma, 6 p.m.*
Saturday, Feb. 6	Olivet, 1 p.m.*
Tuesday, Feb. 9	at Adrian, 6 p.m.*
Saturday, Feb. 13	at St. Mary's, Ind., 1 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 16	Kalamazoo, 6 p.m.*
Saturday, Feb. 20	at Albion, 1 p.m.*

\*MIAA Game

All home games are played at the Dow Center unless otherwise noted.

**Hope Sports Hotline** — Get up-to-the-minute sports reports by calling (616) 394-7888.



# Class of 1991 measures up as the largest ever

by Eva D. Folkert

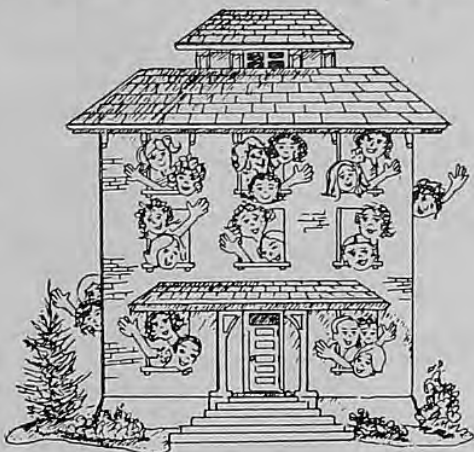
**T**hose silly demographers. They've been telling college admissions officials for the past few years that the number of high school graduates will continually decrease until the late 1990s. And they were right; the number of potential college students has been declining . . . up until now.

Last winter and spring when applications started hitting admissions office desks across America, and specifically at Hope, college officials began to rightfully ask the puzzling question, "Just where are all these kids coming from?"

Applications were up everywhere — at state universities and private colleges alike. At Hope, applications for the 1987-88 school year increased by 18 percent from a year ago; there was a 35 percent increase from a year ago during the months of December and January. The end result: the class of 1991 is the largest freshman contingent to ever enroll at Hope.

"I anticipated early on last year that enrollment would be down," said Dr. James Bekkering, dean of admissions. "I'm glad I was wrong."

So, just where *did* all these college freshman come from? All 675 of them. Were the demographers wrong or right? It was, after all, a most unusual year in the college



admissions game.

Based on inquiries Bekkering's staff was picking up from interested students in the hinterlands a year ago, freshman enrollment was projected to come in around 590 for 1987-88. When applications started to tidal wave into the admissions office in December and January, Bekkering began to raise his eyebrows.

"My immediate reaction was obviously one of joy because we were really up in applications," he says. "Well, then I started checking around, and I discovered we weren't alone. A majority of the fine colleges and universities in the state, and across the country for that matter, were up and some more than we were. So that took some puff out of my sails."

While the increase first became cause for celebration, it almost immediately turned into a questioning free-for-all. One answer found when Bekkering's staff got wind of the fact that 18-year-olds have started to become smart consumers. This past year, high school seniors — today's freshman — did some shopping around by applying to 10 or 11 colleges instead of five or six, the historical norm. That threw a nasty monkey-wrench into those analytical projections.

"We didn't know where we stood in some cases," says Bekkering. "That overlap was making application numbers misleading. For instance, we overlap considerably with The University of Michigan. We just weren't sure how many students were seriously considering another college and how many were seriously considering Hope."

But multiple applications alone does not explain the remarkable increase, says Bekkering. Those demographers, after witnessing the contradiction of their tales of course, reneged on their original projections and are now indicating that there will be a slight upward trend in the number of high school seniors for a two-year period. A precipitous drop in the population of 18-year-olds will then occur in 1989 and remain until the late 1990s.

In retrospect, too," explains Bekkering, "we've found that an increased percentage of high school graduates are going onto college."

And so, for the first time in Hope's history, a waiting list was implemented. (The small number of waitees were all finally admitted, by the way.) Two more cottages and one apartment building were purchased by the college, along with leasing one-third of another apartment building and changing the utilization of a third cottage. It was all done to accommodate 116 upperclass-students who agreed to give their residence hall rooms to incoming freshman. The upperclass-students moved to the apartments and cottages.

After such a successful year in admissions, when pointing a finger at external reasons for increases is expected, much of the credit must also go to Bekkering's admissions staff, too. From the 1,226 acceptances this year, Hope had a 52 percent yield rate, the highest of the twelve schools in the Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA). There are more generation students than ever before (see pages 17 and 22), and freshman minority students, which last year totaled 11, have increased to 34.

"No matter how you cut it, though, it's a matter of teamwork," the dean of admissions said. "Our admissions staff plays a significant role in helping students who are open about their college choice. They are instrumental in the degree to which those students look at Hope seriously. That helps them make an informed decision. In the end, though, the excellence of this institution does the selling itself."

## Steve Spencer's psychology success story

**H**ope College senior Steven J. Spencer pulled a fast one on his research participants and won a national award for it.

Spencer, from Gladwin, Mich., has received the highest honor awarded to an undergraduate researcher in psychology. He was named the 1987 first-place winner in the national undergraduate research competition for psychology students sponsored by Psi Chi, the national psychology honor society affiliated with the American Psychological Association (APA).

Spencer's research paper, entitled "Emotional and Cognitive Effects of Choice and False Feedback of Success and Failure," was ranked the number one entry by all three judges of this year's competition. He is also one of the few students ever to be honored by APA prior to their senior year. (Spencer conducted the project during his junior year.) Typically, the award goes to graduates for their senior research projects, such as conducted by this year's runners-up from universities in Kansas and Virginia.

Spencer's award is another boon in a long list of honors earned by Hope psychology students. Hope's psychology department leads all American colleges and universities in producing prize-winning student research, and Spencer's award brings to eight the number of Hope psychology students who have won first, second, or third-place prizes in the annual competition, five of whom have been recognized since 1980.

Under the direction of Dr. Charles Green, assistant professor of psychology, Spencer integrated ideas from several social psychological theories and then tested 160 participants in two experiments. These participants, members of Intro to Psychology courses, were asked to take a moderately-difficult task test. And, herein lies Spencer's fast one; he never graded the tests.

Instead, the psychology student threw his participants' names into the proverbial hat and randomly picked those who would succeed and those who would fail. Then, he observed the people's reactions to the declaration of their supposed success or failure.

Spencer found that those who were told they had succeeded had primarily cognitive reactions pertaining to their beliefs about why they had done well. They usually responded with a reaction like, "Well, I knew I could do it."

People who were told they had failed, though, primarily had emotional reactions, asserting that they had not enjoyed the task itself. Their response most often was, "It wasn't my fault."

In the end, Spencer concluded that people interpret information in ways that enhance self-esteem even when there are other pressures not to do so.

Through the experiment's testing, the young scholar was admittedly concerned about the ethics involved in his research — the telling of uncertain information to unknowing subjects. "Don't get the wrong idea, though," said Spencer.

"Psychologists don't usually try to fool research participants. This was an exceptional case, but hopefully justified."

To his credit, Spencer told all 160 students the truth about his research procedures after the experiment. There were no hard feelings.

Spencer's idea for researching people's responses to success and failure grew from his interest and study in a course called "Social Psychology," which was taught by Dr. Green. After presenting his concept to the professor at the conclusion of his sophomore year, Spencer conducted the research during his junior year, with Green acting as his research advisor.

"Steve is very bright and very quick," said Green, a specialist in social psychology. "He is also very well-read so he was able to sift out important points very quickly during this complicated research."

Spencer plans to enter graduate school after graduation next May. A young man with a wide variety of interests, he also has another major in biology, is intrigued by philosophy and ethics, works for Holland Community Hospital as a mental health aide, and served as the sports director for WTHS, Hope's FM student radio station. ▲



National psychology research award-winner Steven Spencer



# Faculty research goes South of the Border

Field research is, by no stretch of the imagination, a frill in scientific study. It is instead a mainstay for scientists who need to take their researching shows on the road.

Three Hope biology professors left the friendly confines of the Peale Science Center this past summer to do research way south of the U.S. border. Dr. Harvey Blankespoor investigated on a disease plaguing Ecuador, while Dr. Greg Murray and Dr. Kathy Winnett-Murray followed some exotic birds to Costa Rica. Here are some of their experiences with the environs and culture of our neighbors to the south.

by Sue Christian '88

Worldwide traveller Harvey Blankespoor made an Ecuadorian excursion this past summer, and it could very well serve as the basis for the adventures in the next Indiana Jones script.

Or — Biologist Harvey Blankespoor's research of an Ecuadorian health problem called paragonimiasis — a parasite-induced disease acquired by eating raw or improperly cooked crayfish — may broaden his already established national reputation as a parasitologist, a status he earned for his scientific findings regarding swimmer's itch.

Or — Humanitarian Harvey Blankespoor displayed his strong commitment toward mission work by solidifying friendly relations between scientists in the United States and abroad; by understanding the language of philanthropy regardless of dialect or culture.

Actually, Hope College Professor Harvey Blankespoor is a combination of all three personas, a unique blend of scientific, respectful, Christian caring for people from different lands.

Hearing of paragonimiasis while researching Third World diseases in the Sudan in 1983, Dr. Blankespoor was able to consider travelling to Ecuador this summer when a generous anonymous donor agreed to fund the project. After a brief visit to Ecuador in March of 1986 to assess the needs and worth of the research, Blankespoor returned 14 months later to begin intensive work.

Specifically, the Hope prof concentrated on making contacts with fellow researchers and government officials as well as obtaining adequate research facilities and sufficient literature on the disease. For the most part, Blankespoor was interested in gathering enough samples of the parasite in order to develop a skin test which will efficiently determine if an individual is infected.

Often misdiagnosed as tuberculosis, paragonimiasis causes harsh coughing spasms and pneumonia. Paragonimus, the parasite's name, has a cycle of three hosts — first in a freshwater snail, then to a crayfish or crab, and finally to a human or other crayfish-eating vertebrate such as a pig, opossum, raccoon, or cat. The parasite, which resides as a cyst in the lungs, infects an estimated 10,000 to 20,000 Ecuadorians plus many other South and Central America citizens.

"The disease is quite common in Ecuador because many people like to catch crayfish and eat them on the spot," he says.

Blankespoor accidentally made an invaluable acquaintance which resulted in a fast friendship with the Director of Health for Ecuador — Dr. Jose Rumbela. After Blankespoor had missed a flight to attend a three-day meeting of 40 medical doctors from an

Ecuador province, it turned out that Rumbela was making the trip by land cruiser, so the good doctor hitched a ride. The conference, where medical officials discuss the latest on diseases affecting the inhabitants of their regions, was being held in Es Meraldes, a five-hour drive from Quito, Blankespoor's home base.

Says Blankespoor of the potential inconvenience, "It turned out to be a blessing in disguise because the Director was working with the same parasite as I was. We had 10 hours — round trip — to talk about the research and how to set it up."

The shared interest in parasitology between the two men has led to many open doors for Blankespoor, not the least of which is the title of adjunct professor at the University of Guayaquil and contact with medical doctors

who treat patients suffering from paragonimiasis. It's a connection that allows the biologist, who is already returning to the country in November, lower air fares, library access, and a hassle-free visa — a particularly critical rite of passage considering that a few unsatisfactory words from a high-ranking official could end the American's research altogether.

The unsavory atmosphere of some of Blankespoor's research sites is a bit akin to adventure-seeking Indiana Jones movies. Many of his lodgings in various villages would not even receive a one-star hotel rating. On one trip, a chicken continually tried to be the professor's bunk-mate. He eats the native food — three square meals consisting of bananas, bananas, and bananas. And working in cooperation with the scientists of the country and adapting to research material available, his Spanish is improving rapidly with the aid of a Hope Spanish 101 course he is currently taking.

The biology prof's stories of his Ecuadorian experiences range from dangerous to hospitable accounts. One trip to the Colombian coast was necessarily cancelled because two Catholic missionaries were speared by some Auca tribesmen. Another trip, an all-night dug-out canoe ride down the Rio Hojo Blanca River to collect host mammals, proved successful. This achievement was largely due to Frankel, the skilled navigator, who could so deftly maneuver the boat through channels and rocks that he even recovered a pair of glasses that had fallen from Blankespoor's shirt pocket further up river.

"Frankel (a Cayapas Indian) told Paseria, the hunter, to get on the bow of the canoe at a specific place, and there at the bottom of the turbid river was my pair of glasses. This is just one example of how they observe and use their sense of sight. The same can be said of their hearing."

Blankespoor describes the Ecuadorians as "very proud people," and this traveller of 27 countries in the past five years has some sound advice for visitors of all countries: "I think we have to understand that we are their guests and that we need to try not to take some of North America with us wherever we go. To really get the benefits of travel, we need to see the culture as it is, and extend goodwill from our country instead of often being demanding, spoiled North Americans."

For example, Blankespoor is keeping up his end of friendly relations by bringing back some Kodak projector bulbs for Dr. Rumbela. It's an item that may be taken for granted in the United States, but they are costly for him (\$80 a piece) and rare in Ecuador.

The bespectacled 48-year-old also helped save the life of an Indian man who became seriously ill because larval tapeworms had become lodged in his brain after he ate improperly cooked pork. Through his U.S. contacts, Blankespoor obtained the necessary medicine to cure the father of eight. Unfortunately, the \$372 hospital bill for 15 days of care (modest, to be sure, by U.S. standards) was an overwhelming sum for the family to pay. An accommodating Blankespoor paid part of the fee out of his own pocket in lieu of handcrafted rugs and other tribal artwork to bring back to the States with him.

Such flexibility in merging with other cultures has hallmarked Blankespoor as a hardy, cooperative field researcher. He currently has several opportunities to serve as a consultant for research projects worldwide.

Blankespoor plans to return to Ecuador for short trips next spring and fall, and ultimately for his entire 1988-89 sabbatical year to trial run and administer the developed skin test, treat infected individuals, plus follow up with educational programs on the prevention of the disease.

Though it may be flexibility and adaptation that characterize this dedicated biologist, one needn't look too closely to recognize that the truer force guiding Harvey Blankespoor is his caring, compassionate spirit.

by F. Scott Petersen '86

It is four o'clock in the morning. Stumbling through the early morning darkness, you grab a cold shower, hoping to avoid any poisonous snakes on the faucet. If the weather holds, you load 50 pounds of gear on your back and trudge through the mud up into the tangled, rain-soaked cloud forest of Monteverde, Costa Rica. Once up the mountain you assemble the mist nets that will catch the birds you need to study. And if you're lucky, this will all occur before the daily three inches of torrential rain ends every outdoor activity at noon.

If this sounds like an enjoyable summer vacation, then you have a lot in common with Greg Murray and Kathy Winnett-Murray, two of Hope's more peripatetic biology professors. This past summer, the Murrys returned to Costa Rica to continue research on tropical ecology. They had lived there previously for two years, so when they were awarded a faculty grant from the Towsley Fund, the ornithologists-ecologists naturally jumped at the chance to visit Monteverde.

With these funds, plus junior Tammy Long, senior Mark Kuhlman, and three-year-old son Dylan, the Murrys set off to increase their knowledge of the ecological relationships between plants and animals. Monteverde is a teeming tropical rain forest that offers the adventurous biologist the chance to study a beautiful, abundant, and yet rapidly diminishing habitat.

Though newcomers to the Hope bio staff — they arrived in 1986 — the Murrys are no strangers to exotic field study. They are



Dr. Harvey Blankespoor gathered infected crayfish and crabs in Ecuador to learn more about paragonimiasis, a disease plaguing the nations of Central and South America.



aply familiar with the normal operating standards of dodging mountain lions and tarantulas as well as scorpions in the toilet paper — all with no supplemental hazard pay. Kathy pursued her study of how certain wrens colonize areas that had previously been disturbed by man, while Greg observed the relationships between birds and plants with regards to seed displacement. It was all done with still more dodging and wondering about falling trees and the monkeys who found great delight in throwing sticks at their strange visitors.

Another thought in the back of these biologists' minds is the increasing awareness that the rain forest may not survive the next century. Thousands of acres are lost each day to farmland and other economic developments. It is a vanishing frontier that contains a huge amount of the world's species of plants and animals. At Monteverde, for instance, there is a toad called the Golden Toad that exists nowhere else on earth.

So the Murrys see themselves as possibly being part of the last generation of biologists who study the rain forest. They subsequently have an important mission: to increase the total scientific knowledge of this area and to bring back to Hope College some of the excitement and freshness that comes from this research.

"Going to Monteverde benefits not only the biologist but the students and college as well," says Greg. "Hope is able to provide its students with up-to-the-minute biological information on ecology, and it gets its name thrown around in biological seminars and grad schools. Our research students also receive a rich multicultural experience and firsthand knowledge of what it's like doing field work in the toughest conditions."

Field work has been a major component of the Murrys' lives. They met while attending California State University at Northridge and fell in love studying sea birds on barren islands off the Pacific coast. Sharing their work gives them a unique relationship. Not many couples have their honeymoon on the Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea. Researching together also means there are no long separations, and it even allows for them to challenge one another professionally.

As Kathy puts it, "We both applied for the same position at Hope and ended up splitting the job."

Being ecologists and also bird-lovers, the Murrys are naturally expanding the ecology curriculum and are even giving bird-watching tours around campus. And the research they conduct on ecology in Costa Rica applies in the States as well.

"The bird life of Costa Rica is amazing in its color and number. Some of the same birds we see around Holland in the spring are wintering in the tropics," Kathy says. "As the rains forests diminish so do the number of birds we watch here."

So naturally, they both feel the need to spread the word about conservation.

"It's not just some remote part of the world that is threatened, but it's everywhere," Greg explains. "Each ecosystem affects others, and we will pay a high price if some of them disappear."

For the Murray duo, biology is not some dry dissertation or boring lab work in an ivory tower. Going to Costa Rica only proves their point that excitement is waiting for those willing to venture beyond the walls of academia.

In Costa Rica, they were almost completely isolated from the comforts of western civilization. The Hope team had to confront a variety of unusual and challenging experiences. Food was unreliable since vegetables were available only once a week. The electricity was very poor, and of course, there



▼ (Lou Schukel)

Dr. Greg Murray and Dr. Kathy Winnett-Murray studied the ecology and birds of Costa Rica like the Swainson's Thrush they're holding. It breeds in the North and winters in the tropics.

was no hot water. Entertainment was usually self-generated, consisting of local theatre, reading and sleeping. (Four a.m. is still awfully early no matter where you are.)

"We ate a lot of glop," grimaces Kathy. "Glop is a sort of pasta and cheese combination that quickly becomes a staple at Monteverde. We also depended a lot on dinner guests and talking with other scientists visiting the area."

Monteverde itself was once founded by Quakers who liked the Costa Rican stand on war — they have no army, an unusual circumstance in Central America these days. The exotic bird life was an added attraction for the settlers. Species like the Resplendent Quetzal and the Emerald Toucanet serve as "tools for answering questions on nature" as Greg puts it.

There is no doubt that the Murrys will

return to Monteverde and continue their relevant research, but for the time being it is enough to share their experiences with the Hope community. The interest and excitement they generate from their stories should carry them over until the next grant sends them back to the tropics and home with more tales of the rain forest's beauty, monkeys, food, tarantulas, inconveniences, birds, mountain lions . . . .

## Stretchin' a snake

Hope students got a chance to get acquainted with the biology department's pet boa constrictor, Dexter, on Stretch-A-Snake Day, a special event held for the first-ever Biology Week. The bio department hosted a week's worth of interesting activities in early September to introduce new students to the department while also reintroducing other already-established Hopeites. Other events included a botanical tour of campus conducted by Dr. Paul Van Faasen, a bird-watching contest judged by Dr. Kathy Winnett-Murray and Dr. Greg Murray, and a chapel service led by other biology faculty. Dr. Don Cronkite, organizer of Biology Week, instituted the events as a lead-in to the week-ending Biology Summer Student Research Symposium, a poster session presented by 17 biology majors who spent their summer in the Peale Science Center or in the field.

Oh, by the way, Dexter, the non-poisonous, six-year-old snake, turned out to be 10-foot, five-inches after he was uncoiled and measured. If he could only stand up, old Dex could dunk a basketball.



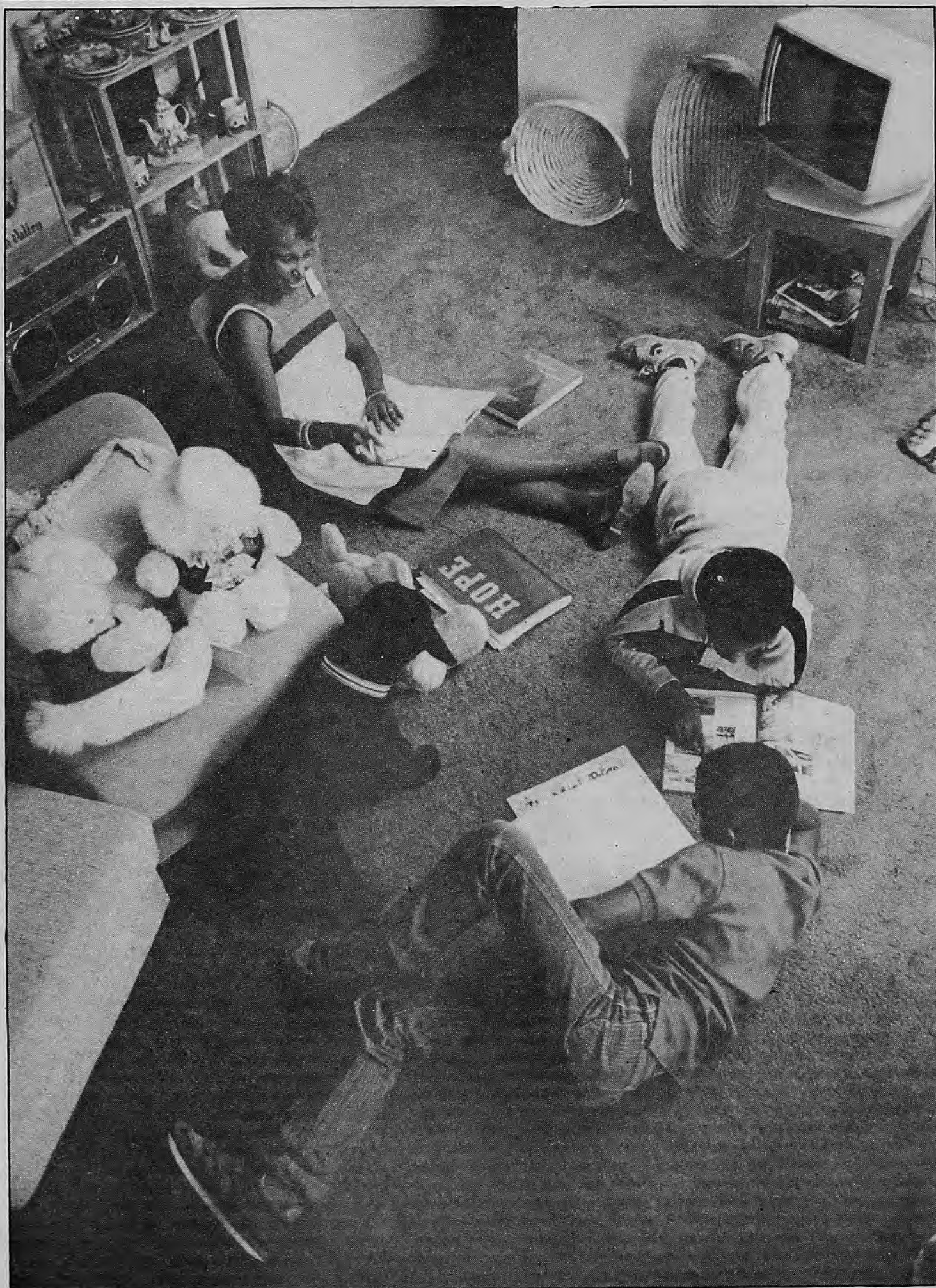
Gordon Van Woerkom, foreground, measures Dexter the Boa Constrictor with a little help from his friends, Dr. James Gentile, left, and Dr. Don Cronkite, right.

▲ (Grand Rapids Press)



# The faces of change on this

by Marji Lindner '87



**ALL IN THE FAMILY:** Carol Johnson, top left, studies at home with her sons, Bernard and Lamont. A devoted mother, community worker and student, Johnson is always on the go. She even began playing soccer with women half her age on the Hope College Soccer Club. "After a month, though, I asked if I could be the watergirl instead," she laughs.

They say you can't teach old dogs new tricks but maybe, just maybe you can send ANTS back to school.

ANTS is a pet name — if you will — for the Association of Non-Traditional Students, a support group for any student over the age of 22 who has had at least a two-year interruption in his or her education. Over the past decade, the number of ANT members has been on the rise at American colleges and universities. The National Center for Education Statistics estimates that over 40 percent of the people enrolled on college campuses today are 25 or older and by the early 1990s nearly half of all college students will be non-traditional.

At Hope, approximately 250 non-traditional students — 10 percent of the student body — have been on the Registrar's rolls consistently for the past three years. Though their numbers at Hope haven't substantially fluctuated over that time, college officials felt a need to help these students become reacquainted with the college scene for some of the same reasons the U.S. House Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education devoted two full days of hearings to non-traditional students in 1985 at the time of the renewal of the Higher Education Act. Their concern was prompted in part by the dramatic changes in the nation's work places and in the life styles of many Americans.

So, for the past two years, Fonda Green, Hope's coordinator of special programs, has been working with non-traditional students to make their transition back to academics a little bit easier.

"We don't give more support to non-traditional students," says Green, "we just give it in different ways. Many non-traditional students have been out of high school for several years, and it's difficult for them to come back to a campus where almost every student seems to be accustomed to taking notes and tests. We work to make the traditional student body aware of the different needs and unique contributions of non-traditional students. We also make the non-traditional student aware of each other."

Each month the Association of Non-Traditional Students on Hope's campus meets to provide necessary peer support. Each non-traditional student profile is a little different from the next — about half are female, some are part-time, others are degree-seeking, many have full-time jobs, several are full-time parents, and others plan to enter the work force for the first time. But most non-traditional students agree that it's not really the academics that make it tough, but their other previously established priorities — work, church, community, and especially family. Time management is an essential and often specialty item for these students.

"I think about my studies a lot differently now that I have a family," says non-traditional student Tim Laird. "I never think, 'I should spend some more time with my books' without also thinking, 'Yes, but I should also spend some time with Michael.' I am always juggling, and family usually wins out."



# American college campus

Laird is a full-time employee at Prince Corporation, an automotive parts manufacturer in Holland. His wife, Linda, works part-time at Holland Community Hospital. His two-year-old Michael demands as much as attention as any two-year-old. And somehow, somewhere, Laird finds the time to be a student majoring in business administration. When Laird gave up college to get married four years ago, he did so with no plans of returning.

"But I guess I'm just a person who will always want to further myself," he says. "And Linda would certainly rather have me working and in school instead of just working and constantly complaining that I should be in school."

This past summer, Laird found a way to integrate work and school by developing an independent Hope internship at Prince where he worked to balance parts inventories for phased products.

"I really feel like my supervisors are pulling for me. I couldn't have asked for a better situation," says Laird. "I gained visibility with the first-shift executives, was paid to learn, had more time with my family, and I'm still on schedule for graduation."

Laird is presently a junior. If he takes six credit hours (two classes) a semester and three credits a summer, he will graduate in the spring of 1990 — four years after he first entered Hope. (Laird had two previous years at Pensacola Christian College.)

But since many of the upperclass students he first entered college with are gone now, will Laird still participate in the graduation ceremony?

Oh, yes.

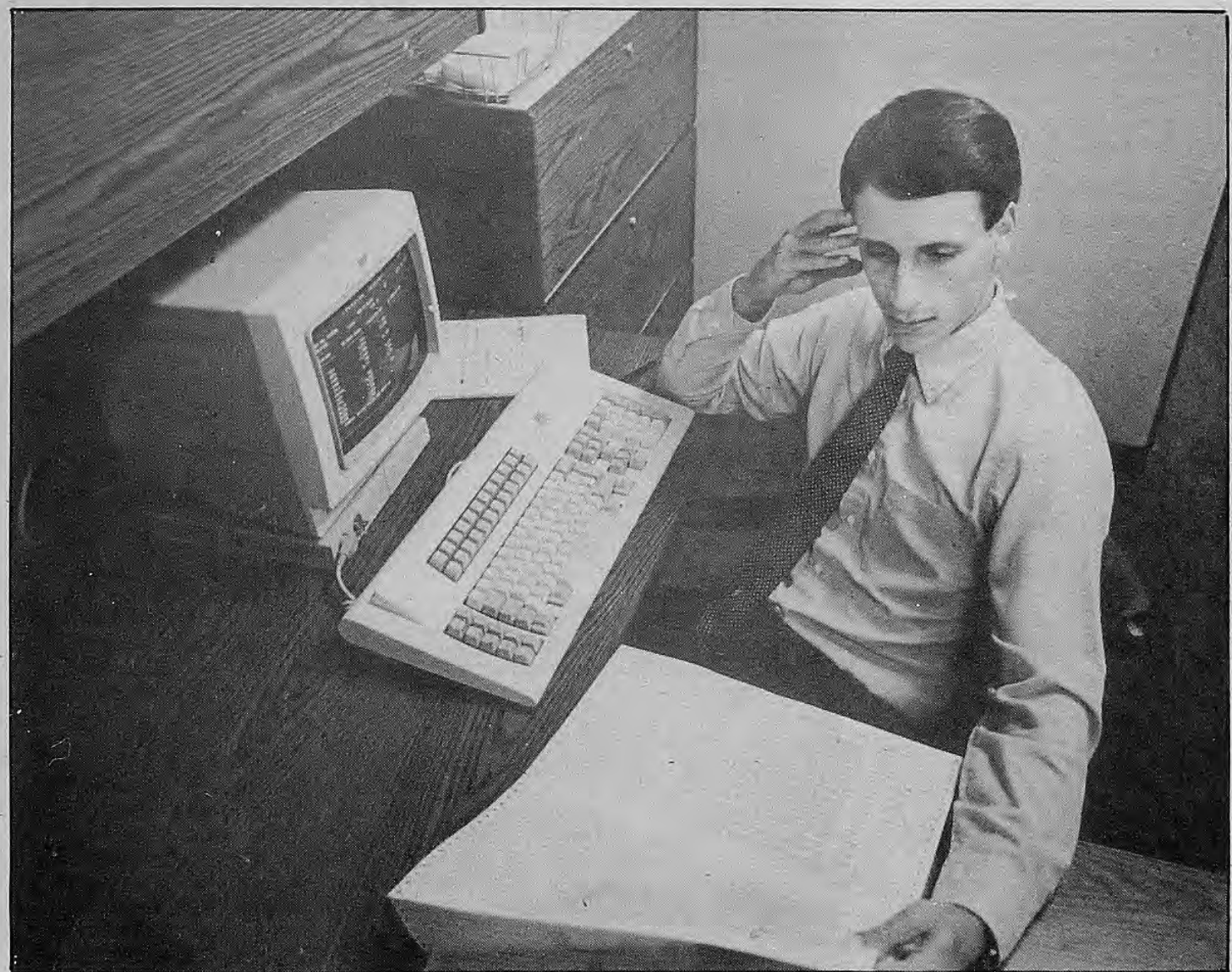
"It will be different for me," says the thoughtful, 25-year-old, "because I won't know very many of the other students who are walking across the stage, but I really want Linda to see me march. My professors and supervisors have been very helpful, the monthly meetings with other non-traditionals are nice, but it's mostly been Linda helping through all of this."

Family members, as in Laird's case, may be the prime motivators for non-traditional students, but self-improvement often plays a key role.

"Many come to college for self-enhancement, just because an education is something they've always wanted," says Green. "They bring a dimension of life's experiences that a traditional student wouldn't have. They also bring a real desire to learn for the sake of learning. Professors constantly comment about how they appreciate that type of learner. It's refreshing for them."

"Non-traditional students actually provide a reality test for my other students because they have experienced first-hand much of what I am teaching in class," confirms Dr. Don Luidens, associate professor of sociology. "They counterbalance the other students' assumptions."

Non-traditional students like Carol Johnson do that. Her's is quite a different story than Laird's. At 48, she has three grown children and two boys, Lamont, 14, and Bernard, 13, still at home. She's a full-time student working on a double major in



**WHITE AND BLUE-COLLAR STUDENT:** Non-traditional student Tim Laird works for Prince Corporation of Holland in two different environs. This past summer, he worked at his terminal as a material management intern, but during the school year, Laird returns to the factory's second-shift as a materials handler for the production lines.

psychology and religion with a minor in pre-law. And after her six years at Hope, she plans to enroll in the counseling program at Western Theological Seminary.

"I'll go as far as I can go," she says.

One of the reasons Johnson will go far is because she tries to learn something from everyone. She credits her two youngest sons with teaching her that she could do anything she decided to do.

"I remember the first time they wanted to go camping, just the three of us. I told them I couldn't take them and they insisted I could. Now we camp all the time," she says of the family's close-knit relationship. "You know, they also taught me how to study when I went back to school. They said, 'Mom, when you study for a test, go over and study the things you're unsure of, not the things you already know.' We all help each other out in this family."

Johnson also credits her mother for teaching her self-love.

"I was the oldest of 11, and I always admired my mother. She taught me that everyone has got to love themselves. You know how some mothers sacrifice so much

for their children that their children are embarrassed by them?" she asks. "Well, my mother was never like that. When it was her turn to get the new shoes, Mom took her turn."

Johnson feels that her turn has now come to get an education. "I've always had the dream to go to college," she says, "but I was a homemaker first. With five children and a husband in the military, moving from base to base, I had pretty much given up on my education."

Then, Johnson reconsidered college shortly after her divorce. "I realized quickly that knowledge is power and drew up my own legal papers," she says. "When my lawyer saw them he suggested I counsel and inform other women in the same situation."

Which is exactly what the dedicated woman does, along with being a full-time student, teaching two classes of Project Charlie — an elementary school program which promotes self-esteem — singing in church choir, teaching Sunday School, and working as a health care aid 25-50 hours a week. Last year she also wrote a column in the *anchor*, sat on various student commit-

tees, and claims to have danced every dance at the Winter Fantasia.

"I really get my energy from being with young people," she explains. "And Hope students are some of my favorites. You should see the ones in my Greek class. Sometimes I'll be having trouble understanding something and one of them will pass me a note that says, 'Carol, this is what he means.' They're just great."

Like Laird, some of those students will not graduate with her in 1989. And like Laird, Johnson wouldn't dream of missing the ceremonies. She's just that kind of person. And she's a member of ANTS. Carrying a heavy load for long periods of time and marching two-by-two are some things ANTS do best. ✎

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# Freshman Duy Dang: A survivor's story

by Bob Becker

It was 1980, and life was not easy in the tiny village of Halan in northern Vietnam. Halan was a farming community, and everyone — young and old, male and female — worked the soil.

Sunday was just another work day, and there were few holidays. You worked so you could eat, but even for the hardest workers there were no guarantees.

Duy Dang, now 19 years old and a freshman football player at Hope, was 11 years old then. Years before, when the Americans had control of the area, his father had been a teacher.

"There was a lot of fighting in our area," he said.

"I remember one time when the VC (Viet Cong) bombed our church," he recalled. "Usually, when fighting broke out, villagers went to the church. But this time there was nobody inside, so nobody got killed. I was hiding in an area where the women and children had to go. And my father was out of the village, because the VC didn't like teachers."

Eventually, the U.S. soldiers withdrew, and the Viet Cong moved in. Things changed quickly.

Halan had no more teachers, no more craftsmen, no more tradesmen. Halan did, however, have an abundance of farmers.

"Nobody owned the land, but everybody worked it," he said. "Then at the end of the year they split up everything that had been grown."

"My father wanted something better for me. He was an educated man, he knew about America, about the life over here. He wanted me to go to America, get a good education and have a future."

"When he asked me about it, I said I'd go

is a story of perseverance.

"When we decided I would go, my father and I went into the village to borrow some gold," he said. "That's the only way you could get out of the country then. You had to have gold to buy your way out."

"He sent me to Saigon with the gold. I was with a group of people, and the plan was that we would be in Saigon one week, then get out by boat the next."

"But in Saigon there was total confusion. And there were a lot of people there trying to trick you and take your money. One time I actually got on a boat and paid my gold, but the boat didn't go anywhere."

Dang was arrested twice, but escaped from police custody when his jailers fell asleep. "I'll never forget working my way through the barbed wire at night, all the time worrying that I was making too much noise and the guards would wake up," he said.

After 12 attempts to leave the country, he made it on No. 13.

Sort of.

"The boat was supposed to hold about 85 people, but 100 more crowded on. And none of them paid. We couldn't send them back, because they'd have told the police and we would have been captured again."

"With all the extra people, we didn't have room for food and water. But we left anyway."

About six hours out, with the mountains of Vietnam still in sight, the boat's engine went dead. For seven days, the craft drifted.

"Two people died, many of the rest of us were in pretty bad shape," he said.

But luck was with the group. On the seventh day, the tides brought the boat to the Philippine island of Pagasa, a military installation.

The refugees were all sent to a camp, and nine months later Dang found himself living with a foster family in Ann Arbor. He then moved in with a Vietnamese family in

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if that's what he wanted for me. I didn't know anything at all about the country, just what I'd heard. To a young boy, I guess it sounded a lot like heaven . . . nice green grass, trees, blue sky."

These days, Dang is seeing plenty of green grass.

Like thousands of other young Americans, every Saturday Dang puts on the helmet and pads to play a little football.

Although new to the game, he has become proficient as a kicker, and handles all the place kicking and conversion duties for Coach Ray Smith's Flying Dutchmen.

As a high school kicker at Tecumseh High School near Ann Arbor, after just his second year in the game, he was a unanimous all-league selection, made the all-region team for the Ann Arbor area, and once missed a 64-yarder when the ball hit the crossbar and bounced back.

How Duy Dang got from Halan to Holland

Tecumseh.

"But as more and more Vietnamese came over here, the family grew too large and I had to move out."

He spent the summer with a friend, then in the fall, was invited to live with the Wayne Nix family. Nix was a teacher at Tecumseh . . . and also the football coach.

"They said they'd always wanted a son," he said.

Football practice had already begun, but the team hadn't played any games. Dang mentioned to Nix that he had played soccer in Vietnam, and the coach invited him to try kicking the football.

"My dad (Nix) said if I liked it, he'd buy me a pair of football shoes and let me on the team. I didn't know anything about the game, I didn't understand it at all, but I did like to kick."

Said Nix: "He turned out to be a very skilled athlete. He's also an excellent tennis



*Duy Dang has been successfully adding points to Hope's side of the scoreboard. At five-foot-eight and 130 pounds, placekicking is probably the best position for him. Though he has only been in this country for six years, Dang has picked up the American game and language quite well. He has not seen his family since leaving Vietnam.*

player, a great soccer player, a good volleyball player and a skilled artist. And he became an honor student in high school.

"He's a wonderful young man. When he sets his mind to something, I have complete faith in him that he will accomplish it."

"Duy is a survivor. He didn't speak any English before he came to this country, but now you wouldn't know he wasn't born here. He insisted on living with American families to learn as much as he could about this country."

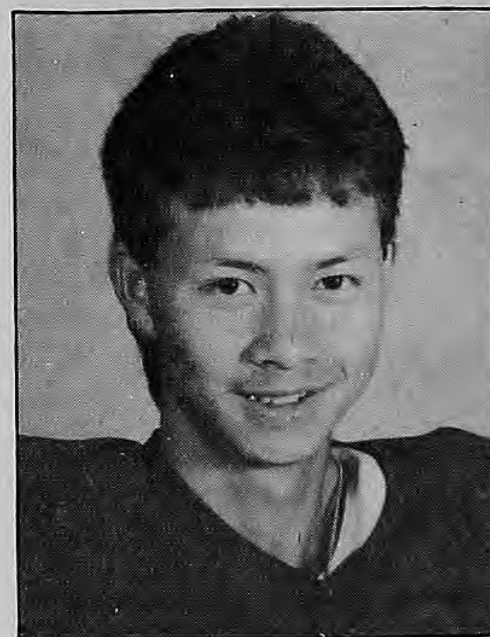
"Sometimes I almost laugh when he tells me the things he wants to accomplish. But in light of what he has already overcome, I know that he can do whatever he says he will."

A business administration major, Dang wants to get into international trade. "That way, there may be a day when I can do something for both of my countries," he said.

"There was a time when I thought I'd be going back, but I'm not sure anymore. I miss my family, but I'm realistic to know that there might not be a life there for me."

Dang has already handled the kicking chores quite well for Hope. And despite all the things he's already conquered, he says he still feels the pressure.

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"It's something that's important to me, so I put pressure on myself to do well," he said.

"I know what happened when I was young sounds scary, but I was too young to be afraid. I couldn't do those things now, because I'm old enough to realize the consequences."

"You can't be afraid if you don't know you're supposed to be afraid. Now I know better." ☞



## Second in a series

# Speeches, events, more speeches: School begins

by Eva D. Folkert

When Hope's presidential office got its new resident in early July, no festive fanfare welcomed the chief executive officer. Dr. John H. Jacobson began his work just like any other person with a new job.

By Friday, Oct. 9, though, the inaugural ceremony changed that low-keyed atmosphere. Steeped in its traditions of grandeur and pomp, the high splendor of the inauguration proved that John Jacobson isn't just any other person, and his new post isn't just any other job. The position he takes is special to Hope, special to higher education. Leaders in academia are looked upon with much expectation and respect since it is their judgments that will affect the schooling of many young minds.

As a philosophical Robert Maynard Hutchins, the famous American educator, once said: "The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives."

That's a big job.

As Dr. James W. Hall, the president of Empire State College, said at the inauguration: "This event today symbolizes part of that great historic tradition that began on the shores of this country so many years ago. A tradition that has brought us the richness of pluralism in education; that has brought us treasures of liberal learning. We are known throughout the world for these two characteristics. Each of us (in a leadership position in education) bears a special responsibility for carrying forward that great tradition."

"But the president carries a special responsibility yet beyond this because the president symbolizes for the college within this larger academic community, all that we stand for and must carry forward. The president carries the vision; he carries the torch for all of us."

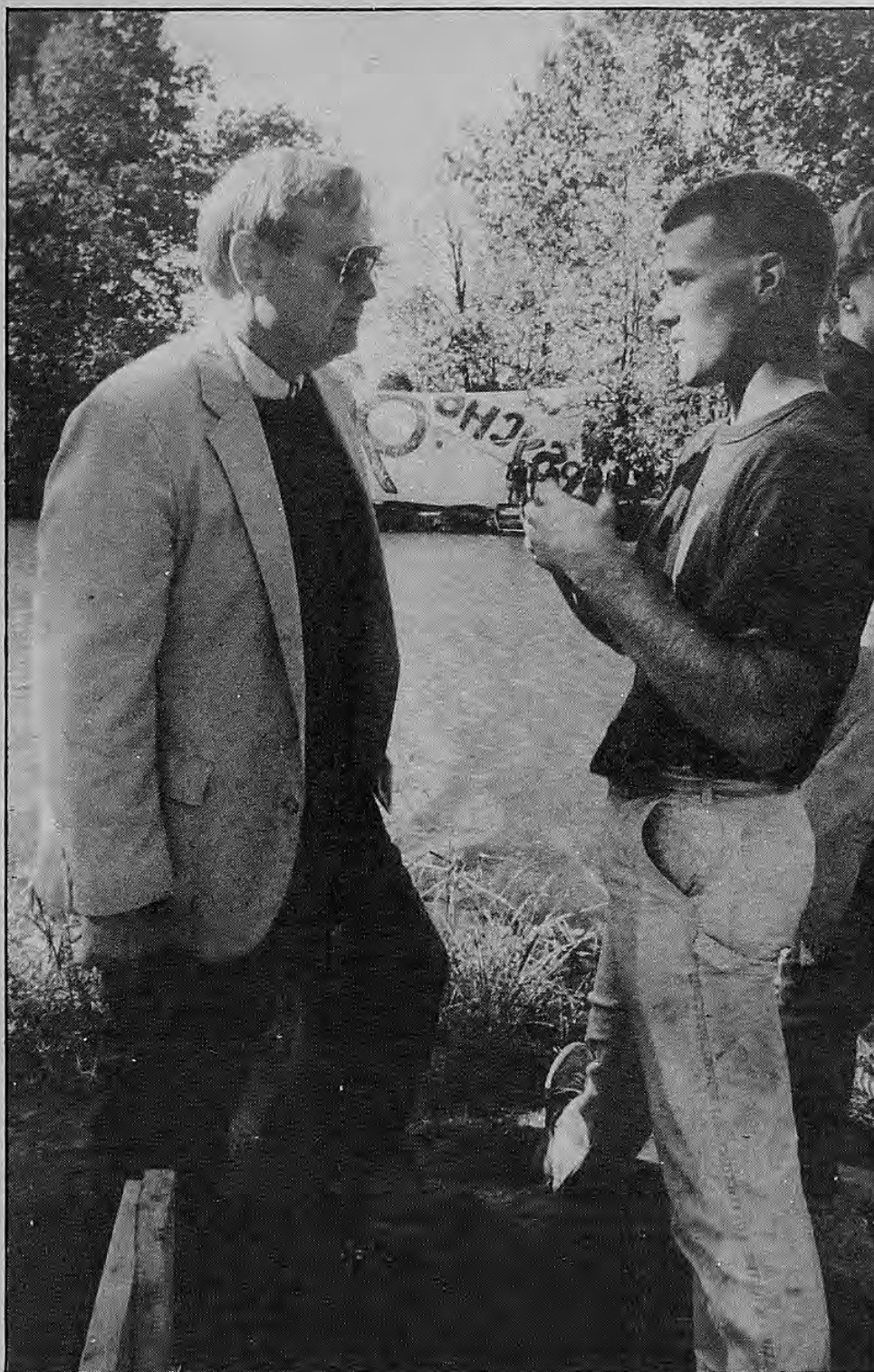
That's an even bigger job.

And so, a big job deserves a big introduction. Which is exactly what Dr. Jacobson got. (See pages 12-14 for more inauguration coverage.) The formal ceremony on Friday, Oct. 9 made official Dr. Jacobson's appointment and introduction to the Hope community. "It created a wonderful and symbolic opportunity to reflect on what this college is and has been. It was a high point in the affirmation of Hope College," the new president stated.

For the past four months, Hopeites have come to know their new president as a sincere listener, a self-assured leader, and a team player. Those are roles he feels are best for him to assume at this point in time. He plans to become more familiar with his new place of employment by keeping an attentive ear and an open mind.

"Over the next few months, I hope to be learning very rapidly: learning names and faces, learning facts about the College and learning those subtle patterns of doing and talking that distinguish this institution from any other," Dr. Jacobson said in his State of the College address. "Other people will also be doing a lot of learning about me, my values, my strengths, my weaknesses, my ideas, my vision for Hope College. We will instruct each other; we will influence each other; we will change each other."

On several occasions, Dr. Jacobson has made it clear that he feels Hope is on the right track, and he's not about to throw the switch that puts Hope's educational train on



'91 Pull Coach Jon Fikse talks about the traditional tug-of-war with President Jacobson.

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a different path. "Hope's current direction is very solid and fitting," he has said. And so he listens more, dialogues often, and relates well his knowledge of higher education administration.

"When my father, who was from Minnesota, moved to the East, the first fulltime teaching position that he took was at a Connecticut university," he said. "That institution was then at the beginning of several decades of rapid growth. The campus was beautiful; it was well wooded and hilly. The president, however, was from Iowa. He was not accustomed to hills and woods, nor did he like them. He might have built a campus to fit that environment, but he chose otherwise. At great cost and with much labor,

the hills and woods disappeared.

"Perhaps from that negative example, I have always believed that it is important for an institution to build upon what it is and what it has, rather than bringing in the bulldozers; to imagine what it might be, but to base that imagination on the reality of what is. The reality of Hope College is shaped by our shared understanding of its mission and also by its history and traditions."

And from his understanding of the College's mission, Dr. Jacobson has set two goals for himself — building the college's national reputation and increasing the endowment fund.

"I find that the College is well regarded by those who know of it," he said. "But it

deserves to be known more widely." Especially to graduate schools, prospective employers of Hope graduates and other specialized publics, he added.

As for the endowment, currently its value is slightly under \$20 million. "In comparison with American colleges generally that is a good amount, but it is small for a college of our aspirations. The endowment has increased ten-fold over the last 15 years, but as a percentage of the annual operating budget, it has declined slightly."

"Last year when I was considering the possibility of coming to Hope, I discussed the situation with a close friend who is at one of the other GLCA (Great Lakes College Association) schools. He asked me about the size of Hope's endowment. When I told him it was about \$20 million, he looked at me in disbelief and said, 'You can't have a college with an endowment of only \$20 million.' My friend is a sensible person, and he is not often wrong. But of course, the fact is that we have a college with an endowment of \$20 million, and a very good college it is. The reason that is possible is the commitment to excellence of so many people of Hope. When a large number of people decide to do the very best with what they have, the results can be astonishing."

After meeting hundreds of people, shaking as many hands, and giving at least a couple dozen speeches, Dr. Jacobson has already shown that he is highly accessible to Hope's constituencies — especially the students. He has been the guest at an issues forum where students were invited to venture up to Lubbers Loft to ask him questions. The Pull — "a surprisingly stirring event with tremendous spirit and support" was his assessment — intrigued him, so he and his wife, Jeanne, stood on the shore of the Black River, clapping for the freshman team. He was also available for grief-stricken students during a difficult and emotional time when a sophomore student, Erik Exum, died of an acute asthmatic seizure in Holland Community Hospital.

Aside from that one low point, Dr. Jacobson has experienced several highlights since the beginning of this academic year. The opening convocation, his first official college function, was "wonderful and moving"; the alumni regional dinners have helped him and Jeanne get to know more of the Hope family; his first meeting with the faculty was a great success; and orientation weekend was also special for him as he talked with students over hot dogs and soda pop at a school-opening picnic on Phelps lawn.

It was during that orientation weekend when Dr. Jacobson got a chance to give another speech, this time addressing "my fellow freshmen."

"Aren't you glad they don't make us wear beanies anymore?" he began with a laugh, deep dimples punctuating the crests of his wide smile.

Relating some of his experiences of college, Dr. Jacobson remembered the questions he once asked himself, questions he felt his fellow freshmen were also asking.

"You're all probably wondering:

"Will I be perceived well?"


"Will I be accepted?"

"Do I belong?"

For Dr. Jacobson, the answers to those questions are quite simple:

Yes.

Yes.

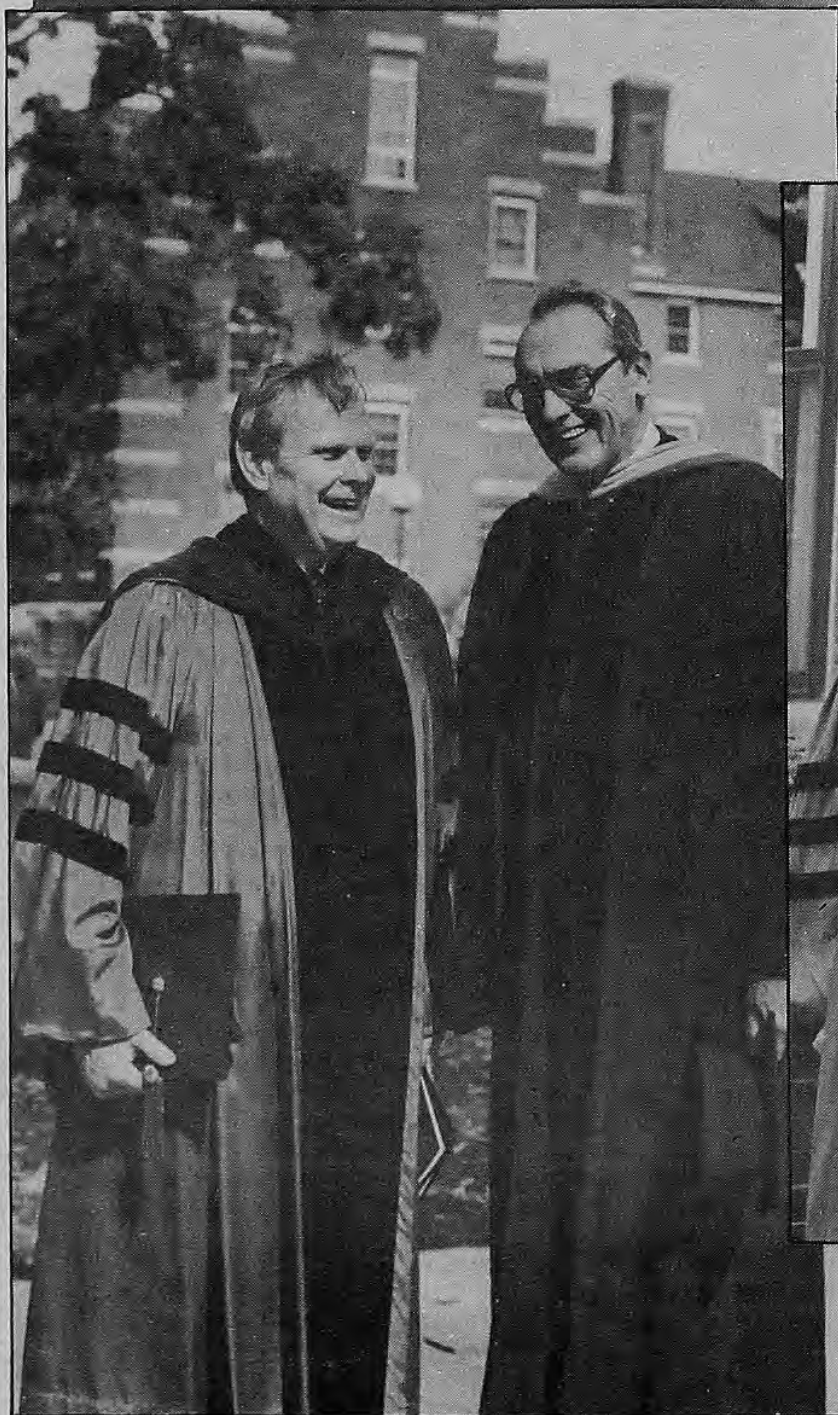
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# Inauguration



Delegates and faculty members line up for the academic procession.



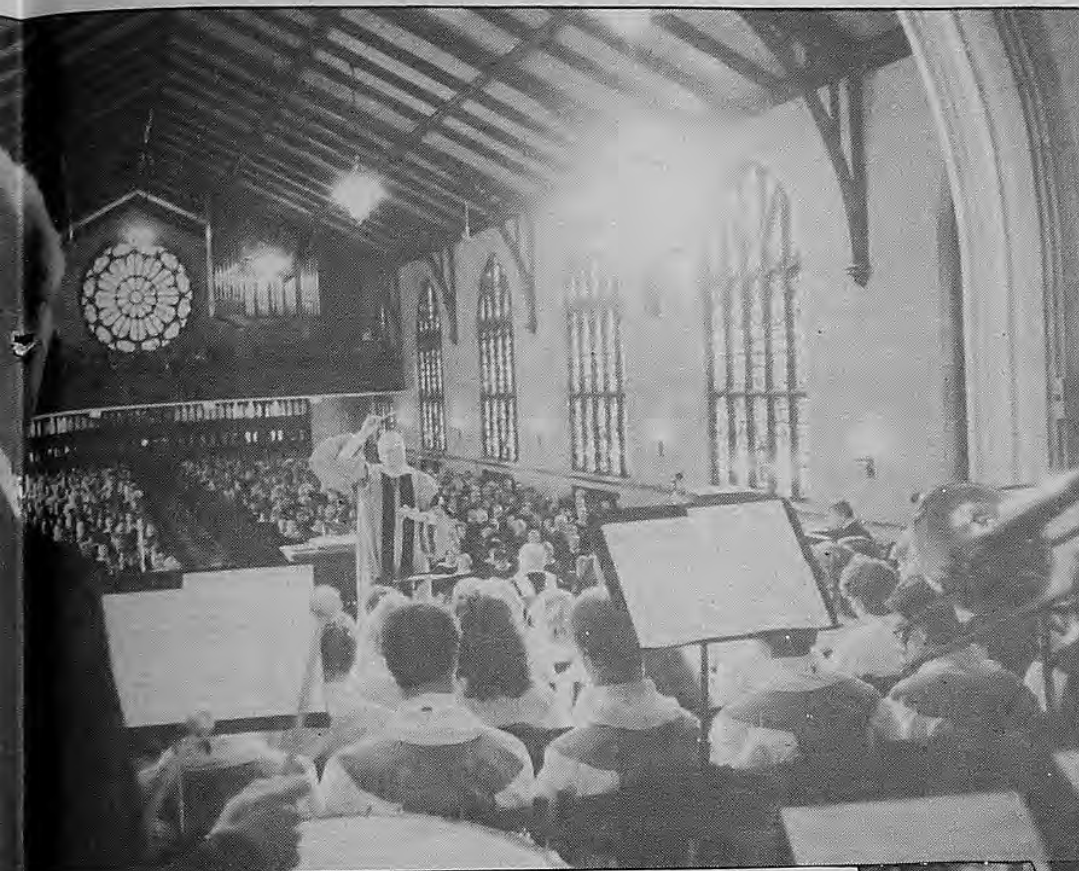
President John H. Jacobson and President Emeritus Gordon J. Van Wylen



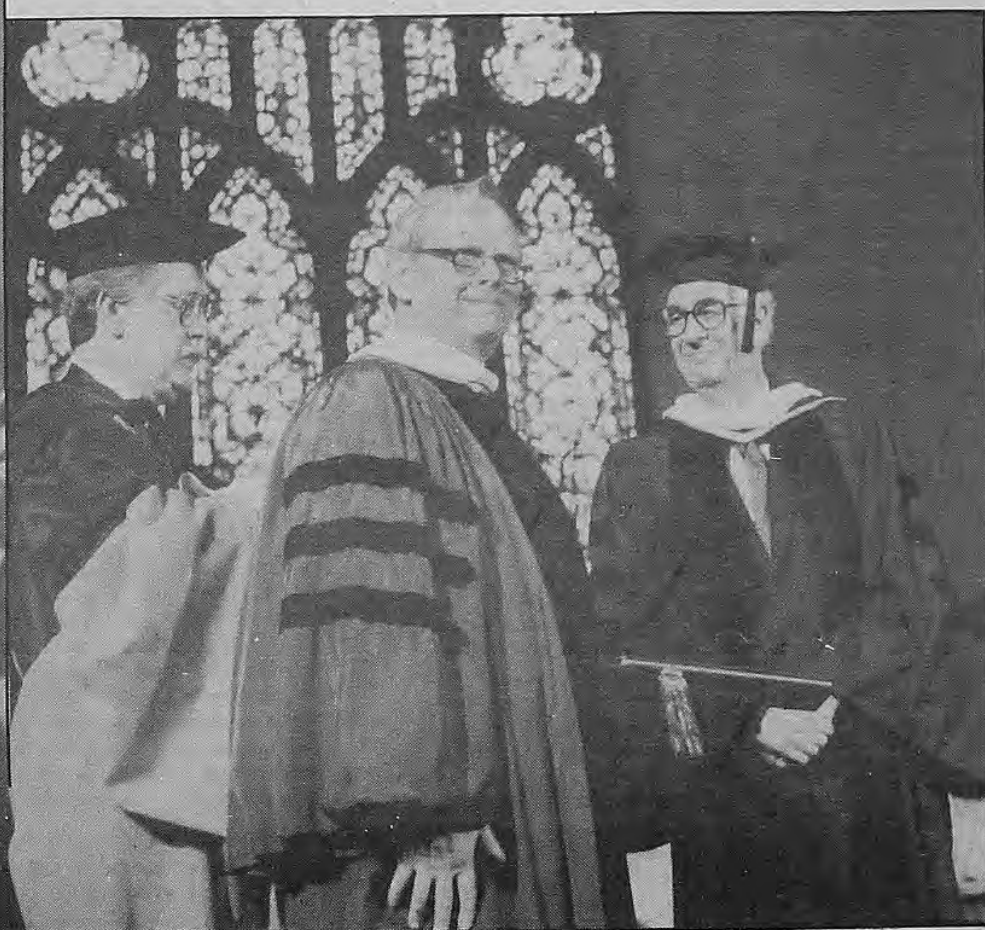
Dr. John Jacobson and his wife, Dr. Jeanne Jacobson (front row, middle and right) were joined by 18 family members for the day's events. Four members of the Jacobson family also led the academic procession. Dr. Jacobson's father, Dr. John H. Jacobson, Sr. (front row, left), represented Yale; his brother, Dr. Carl Whitney Jacobson (second row, right), was the delegate from Harvard; and his son and daughter-in-law, John E. and Gail Grubelich Jacobson (second row, middle and left), represented the University of Pennsylvania.



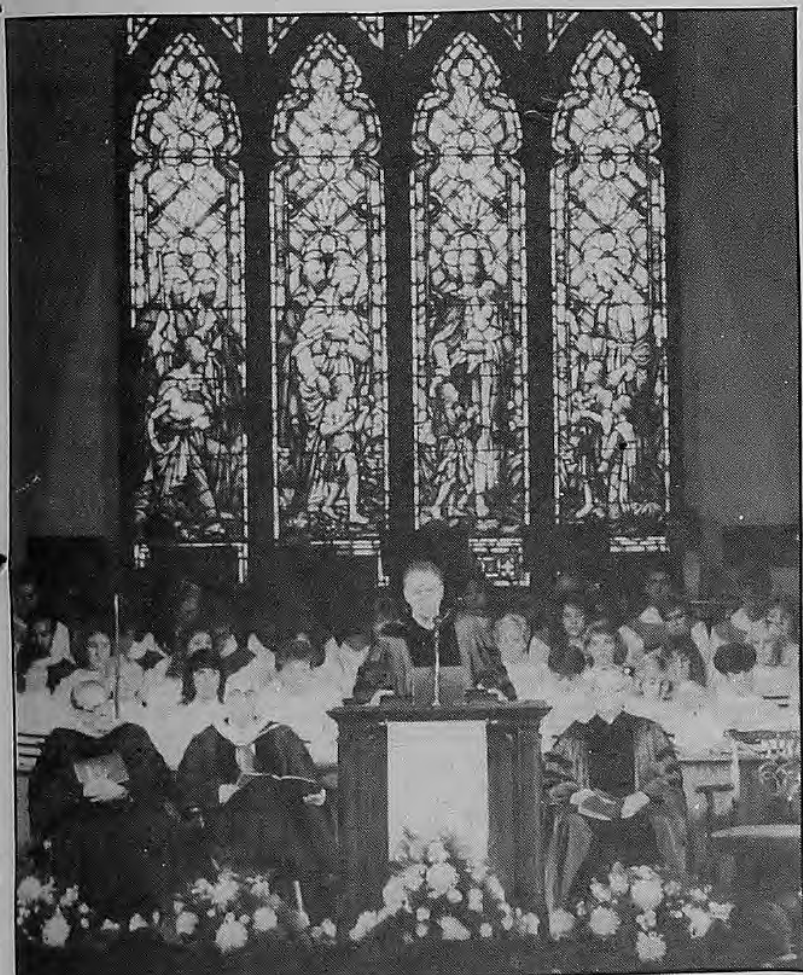
# Scrapbook



Musical fanfare was provided by a 12-piece brass ensemble and the Chapel Choir.



An honorary degree was conferred upon Dr. Jacobson by the Board of Trustees, represented by Chairman Max O. DePree (right), and Provost Jacob Nyenhuis (left).



Dr. James Hall, president of Empire State College, brought greetings from the academic community as a board member of the Association of American Colleges. Dimnent Memorial Chapel appeared to be at its ceremonial best as usual.

photos by  
Andy Loree '78



The new president chats with Mrs. Margaret Lubbers '22, the wife of the late Irwin Lubbers — the eighth Hope president, and her son, Don Lubbers '53, president of Grand Valley State College.



# Quote, unquote

# Inauguration and Homecoming style

## The Charge to the President

"John Howard Jacobson, it is with great joy and high expectation that we charge you today with the duties and responsibilities of the presidency of Hope College.

"Leadership begins by defining reality and it ends when the leader says thank you. Leadership is a condition of indebtedness. Leaders are dependent to an extravagant degree on those who choose to follow. Concurrently, leaders are in debt in the sense of what they owe to the institution and to our institutional heirs. In a particular way, the leader owes to the institution a clear expression of our vision and values, an unwavering dedication to the mission of the college, and an unambiguous commitment to the well-being and to the potential of those he wishes to lead . . . .

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"And so, John, today in this place, before all these people, we charge you joyfully and with high expectations, with the presidency of this college, of this body of people. We understand, of course, that you cannot do this alone. We, therefore, offer and commit to you our prayers, our trust, our energy, and, we're not ashamed to say it, our love. May God be with you."

—Max O. DePree, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

## The Inaugural Address

### On the State of Hope College

"The purpose of Hope College is academic in the robust, original sense of the word in which academic has to do with learning, scholarship, research, personal cultivation, and the commitment to live an informed, examined, and responsible life. Now, of course, from the Reformed standpoint, the commitment to the academic purpose must be a commitment set in the context of the Christian faith. It could not be otherwise, for in Christ all things hold together, and apart from Christ things fall apart. Our calling in Christ is to do all that we do to His glory. That implies that excellence is our goal and that faithfulness to Christ is under, around, and over whatever we do. And, of course, the excellence we seek is not excellence in our own eyes only, but the kind of excellence that can be perceived and understood by everyone. And we seek that kind of excellence not so that we may be well thought of, but because it is our duty and our joy."

### On Patience for Hope College

"Sometimes 15 or 20 years pass before creative achievement is recognized. Creative achievement is like a burst of light which, starting at its source, spreads ever outward. Light from a distant star may reach our eyes long ages after the star itself has ceased to be. The achievements of our recent past and of the present may be known to us here and now, but their full recognition may have to wait until their light has sped far from its source. The light of understanding that shines today in the eyes of a student may take a lifetime to come to the notice of the public world."

### On the Future of Hope College

"The average length of term in office of Presidents of Hope College is 13 years. I do not know whether my term will be of that length, but if it is, I will retire from the presidency in the year 2000. I would like to share with you something of my vision of what this College will be on the threshold of the new century. My vision is a vision of progressive continuity with the tradition of Hope College. I see this College building on its substantial strengths to become even stronger.

"My vision for the year 2000 is of a college that has retained and further enhanced its reputation in the natural sciences and is fully recognized for its excellence across the curriculum,

"that has a stimulating, supportive, and nurturing campus and which also encourages its students to learn during their college years by experiencing other places and other cultures,

"that experiences greater racial and ethnic diversity and feels itself to be enriched thereby,

"that is noted for its excellent quality of campus life,

"that is surrounded by healthy neighborhoods, and that provides attractive housing for the great majority of its students,

"that has a deserved national reputation for academic excellence and an excellent quality of student life,

"that continues to deserve and to receive the esteem of its community,

"that has an ever more secure and expanding base of support among its alumni and friends,

"that takes its name and its symbol seriously,

"that sees itself and is seen by others as a city set on a hill . . . .

"It is my honor and privilege to be the tenth president of this College. It is my pledge to you to devote all the talents I have been given to understanding this College, to loving this College, and to leading this College in faithfulness to its covenant and toward the excellence in the achievement of its high purpose that God has ordained for it.

"Spera in Deo."

—Dr. John H. Jacobson, Jr.

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## Greetings from Near and Far

"I speak on behalf of the faculty to welcome you, on this, your first official presidential day. A master teacher, Nancy Taylor, once told me that what students most want to know on the first day of class is about the professor. Is she fair? Is she knowledgeable? Does she care? And John, this is sort of like your first day of class, only there are 159 professors and one student — you.

"So, are we fair? I think we were fair to you in selecting you to be our president. You started out as an unknown in the search process. As one committee member said, you started out a "zero." An Easterner. A university administrator. . . . Yet we were open to you, open to allowing you to show us your genius. Are we knowledgeable? A walk through campus tells you that there are poets here. There are artists and musicians and dancers. Our labs in the Peale Science Center are active morning and night, winter and summer. There are scientists here, and humanists, and social scientists . . . We are in active pursuit of knowledge, because we care . . .

"Art Jentz (professor of philosophy), in his address to the faculty, argued impassionately that caring is fundamental to our curriculum. 'Caring, he said, is a kind of reverence toward what matters, toward that which is important.' Caring expresses our desire to think and to know and to love that which is worth caring about. He said, 'we are more fully God's creatures when we care that people fought and died for causes in history.' . . . We care.

"What students don't always know is that we wonder the same things when we look at them on the last day. Will they be fair in evaluating us? Are they knowledgeable as they leave our courses? Do they care as deeply as we do? John, we welcome you, and in the years ahead, we look forward to a dynamic relationship that will help us grow to a certain fundamental truth that we both are fair, we both are knowledgeable, and we both care."

—Dr. Jane Dickie, associate professor of psychology

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"On behalf of the alumni, we're thrilled that you're going to be a part of us. We're over 20,000 strong; we are loyal; we are proud of our institution with appropriate humility. We are enthusiastic; we are dedicated. We pledge to you our support, our energies, our prayers, our commitment. And we say to you and Jeanne today, you are one of us now. We welcome you to our family. As tokens of our pride and our esteem, I'd like to present each one of you with a Hope College alumni sweatshirt. On behalf of the alumni, welcome to Hope College."

—The Rev. Stephen Norden '73, President of the National Hope College Alumni Association

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"In the minds of the Dutch people, no town in the United States symbolizes the Netherlands more than Holland, Mich. does. Hope College is the heart of the town, and like the word "hope," there must have been very strong, disquieting emotions which were in the hearts of the first settlers when they first touched American soil. At the same time, Hope College, as it stands now, flourishing with its excellent facilities on this beautiful campus, embodies the tremendous accomplishments of those hopeful settlers and their descendants and the marvelous contributions which they have made to this great country.

"You might think that the fact that President Jacobson is the first president that we have seen at this college not of Dutch descent, might mar my enjoyment of this occasion. I can assure you that it does not. On the contrary, I think it is a compliment, both to Hope and President Jacobson. Hope College evidently did not want to be a monument, but a living institution. It did not want to be tied down by a nationalist tradition but to look for excellence. And I think that attitude is something which Hope College should be very much congratulated for."

—The Hon. J. W. van Doesburgh, Consul General of the Netherlands at Chicago

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"Holland was 14-years-old when this College was conceived and born. This year, Holland is 140-years-old. That suggests a long, long period of co-existence. The degree, then, to which we cherish this institution is beyond description."

—The Hon. William Sikkell, Mayor of Holland

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"I promise you, Dr. Jacobson and the Hope Community, that we, your church, will strive to live up to our covenant of our responsibilities. We pledge to give you the greatest opportunities that we possibly can to develop a Christian education second to none in this revolutionary world . . . . How? By assuring you, as far as we're concerned in the Reformed Church, of your academic freedom. We will give you wholehearted interest, favor, and financial support of the church by sending you our sons and daughters and by interpreting the church's mission. We will also help by encouraging you to redefine, and redefine, and redefine Hope College so that it is growing, and growing, and growing. We will work to maintain a relationship of trust between the

Reformed Church in America and Hope. Do you know what I want to say to you? I want to say, Brother John, I wish you God's peace when everyday is done."

—The Rev. Dr. Wilbur T. Washington, Vice President of the General Synod of the RCA

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"Those who write about the college presidency often say that in order to be a good president, you must be political; you must demonstrate overt signs of power; and you can't have friends. This certainly has not been my experience. It's good to have a healthy perspective on the realities of the office and not to take yourself too seriously. Occasionally, the degree to which those around you wait on your every word will make you feel like an influential leader. But often times, being a college president is like being a cemetery caretaker. You know there are a lot of people under you, but no one seems to be listening. I urge you, John, not to allow the demands of the presidency to overwhelm or consume you. That's sometimes difficult for those of us with a traditional Calvinistic work ethic."

—Dr. James E. Bultman '63, President of Northwestern College

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"Students then (in the 60s and 70s) dreamed dreams but they couldn't deal with reality. Students today deal with reality very well, but they're short on dreams . . . . We must help young people today to go beyond asking, 'is it profitable,' to asking, 'is it beautiful.' To go beyond the mentality of the bottom line and search for value. Beyond what the job does for them to what it does for others. Beyond the search for relevance in this world to a contemplation of the transcendent. And beyond what works to what's right. That is the historic objective of this great College. You are a key factor in its perpetuation."

—Dr. Kenneth J. Weller '48, President of Central College

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"We are very proud as a family to be part of the Hope College community. We are starting to learn our way around campus, and we look forward to becoming more heavily involved and a greater part of the Hope College network . . . . We feel very strongly that Dad has been a great leader in our family. He's always been caring and supportive. I hope you will offer him your support as well. If there's one thing that I learned in growing up, it's not a good idea to keep my father waiting. I know he's next on the agenda, so I'll turn it over to him."

—John E. Jacobson

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*The following are excerpts of tributes paid to long-time professors and coaches Russ DeVette and Gordon Brewer, who are retiring in May, 1988. The occasion was an H-Club gathering with over 300 people were in attendance.*

"Russ and Gord could be tough. And it usually comes at a point where there is a moral or ethical question involved. Gord will get a glint in his eye and toughen up. Russ' chin tends to firm up. There are people who are defectors who might say they're stubborn, who might say they're inflexible. The phrase that I would use and mean very, very literally, is that they have the courage of their convictions."

—Dr. Kenneth Weller, President of Central College and a fellow coach for several years

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"Their sphere of influence was most keenly felt by the hundreds of student-athletes who graced the fields and courts of Hope. But it was not limited to that. These are men who had a profound impact on the MIAA and on Division III athletics. They created the model of sport, unsurpassed in the annals of intercollegiate athletics. And now it's left to those remaining to carry on a legacy of sport that transcends even the individuals who fashioned it."

—Dr. James Bultman '63, President of Northwestern College and a fellow coach for 15 years

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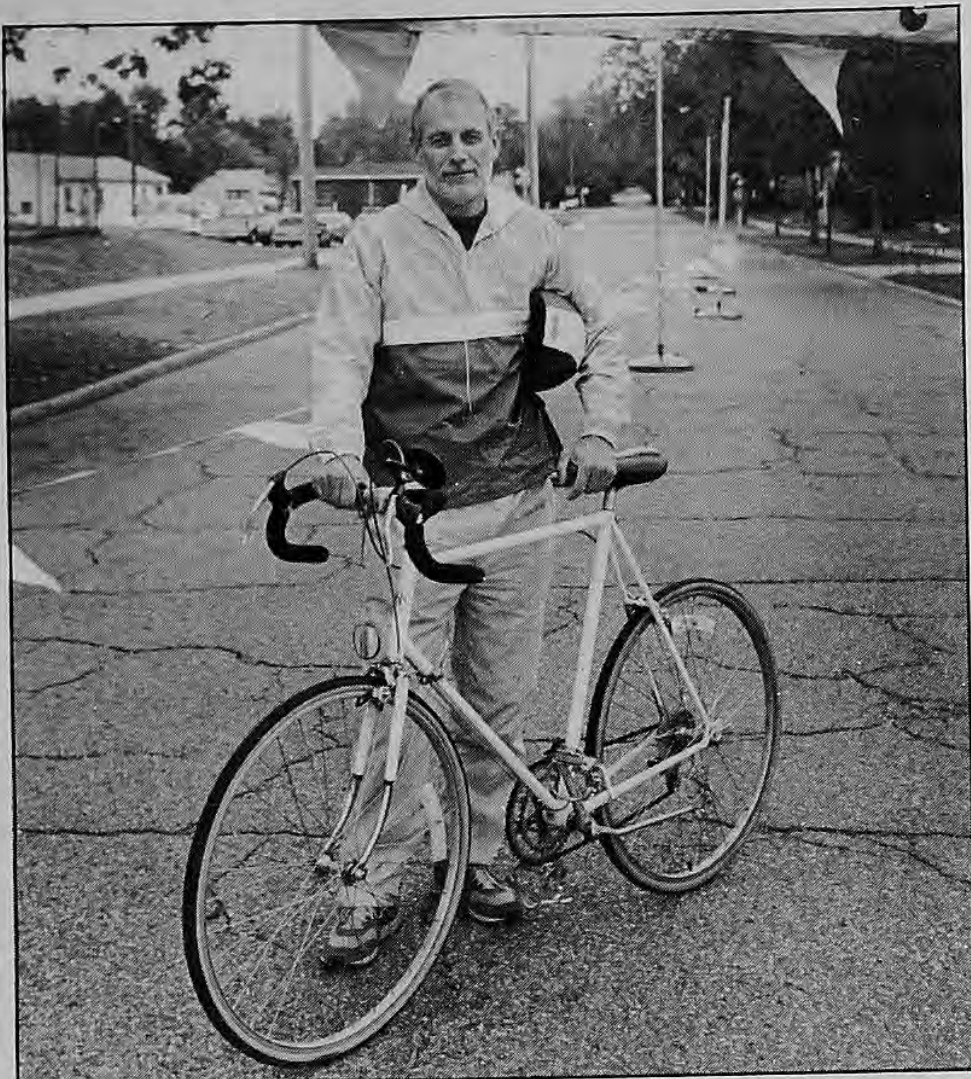
"They had goals that were larger than themselves in mind. They weren't out to impress anybody with what they did or who they were. But what they were there to do was to serve Hope College first, and then the athletic department.

"But these men were also always interested in something more than the athletic department. They were interested in what it meant to give a student the best in a Christian liberal arts education. That was their first and primary goal on campus. Every student was treated the same, every person was treated the same, from the maintenance person to the President, because every human being in their eyes had integrity and dignity for one reason and one reason only. That is that all people are created in the image of God. And no one should be treated any differently because of the status accorded by men."

—The Rev. Peter Semeyn '73, former Hope football player and coach

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ODL, Inc. President Larry Mulder, a Run-Bike-Swim participant as well as its sponsor.

## This corporate exec runs, bikes, but doesn't swim

by Eva D. Folkert

Ten years ago, on a surprisingly warm Homecoming Day when sun is a welcome commodity in the erratic weather trends of Michigan Octobers, an ambitious Larry Mulder dusted off his running shoes and decided to compete in the first-ever Hope College Run-Bike-Swim. He didn't win his five kilometer race, but he didn't care. So he's been back to run in just about every Run-Bike-Swim ever since.

Actually, Mulder's yearly role in Hope's now quite popular Homecoming event is more substantial than his mere involvement as a participant. You see, ten years ago, ODL Inc. President Larry Mulder also sponsored the first Run-Bike-Swim; and he's been doing that ever since, too.

It's obvious, then, that Mulder is a man who believes in the things he supports. A tell-it-like-it-is corporate exec, he says he became involved in Run-Bike-Swim (from here on, RBS) after participative interest began to wane in a four-year-old business seminar program which ODL funded for the college. Since several employees he knew at his company were joggers at the time, "the idea of a new program along the physical fitness line tripped my trigger."

So the corporate president contacted Hope physical education prof and basketball coach, Glenn Van Wieren. Nineteen-seventy-eight was a big year for the phys ed department. They had just moved into the new Dow Health and Physical Education Center. So Van Wieren, in keeping with the Center's commitment to cardio-vascular activity, took Mulder's early idea of a running event two steps further. He added swimming and biking, too.

Born on Saturday, Oct. 21, 1978: another Hope Homecoming institution.

In RBS's first year, about 200 people tried Hope and ODL's new endeavor. Ten years later, early on a cold Homecoming Saturday,

about 550 blurry-eyed athletes geared up to run in five or 10 kilometer races, swim a half or quarter-mile in the Kresge Natatorium, or bike for 10 miles through the outskirts of Holland. A triathlon, only a five-year-old event but another big drawing card on the RBS ticket, is also available for those die-hards who feel compelled to torment every muscle in their bodies for most of the morning.

In the past couple of years, corporate sponsorship of athletic events, usually professional, has become a growing fad all over the country. But ODL and Larry Mulder have been with Hope for 10 years now and their reasons for funding RBS are quite different from Nabisco's, the Hartford's, or Nike's.

"We just wanted to fund something special for Hope beyond our usual Annual Fund support," Mulder explains. "We aren't doing Run-Bike-Swim for local media exposure; we're not concerned about public relations or making a big splash. This isn't an Ironman Triathlon or River Bank Run (major race in Grand Rapids) kind of an event after all, nor do we want it to become one. I'm not looking for any local fame out this event."

He pauses for a moment then continues with a laugh-filled after thought, "Nor do I ever expect to win it."

In Mulder's RBS memory-bank are reminders of unpredictable October weather—the extremes of freezing rain or sunny 70s—and a wide range of energetic participants—from several teenage runners to the Rev. Henry Kik '42 of Spring Lake, Mich., a septuagenarian who has biked almost every year.

Then, in between the lower and upper-most age groups, there is Brian Stauffer '73. A special products manager for Herman Miller, Inc. in Zeeland, Mich., Stauffer began RBS competition in the biking event on an old clunky 45-pound Schwinn. He won with barely any training on a less-than-desirable "racing" bike. That got him to thinking that perhaps he could be even better. He could and did. Stauffer began to set state records in biking events, went on to train at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado, and even made the national racing team.

Stauffer also became intrigued by triathlons a little later, and again tried the three-sport event at Hope's RBS. He won again. And that got him to thinking again. This year Stauffer

has won five outright triathlon titles in Michigan and Indiana. He has also reached a triathlete's pinnacle—he qualified for this year's Ironman Triathlon in Kona, Hawaii. He was competing in that event on the day of RBS's 10th anniversary. He would have liked to have been in town for the Holland event, he says, since he credits RBS with helping him get his competitive start.

"I feel good about that kind of thing," says Mulder of Stauffer's success. "It's good to know that Run-Bike-Swim can meet the needs of those who are serious about competition and those who are out there just for fun."


The handsome, 48-year-old is happy about his involvement with RBS, but he's actually part of the Hope family in two other ways. This past spring Mulder was elected to the Board of Trustees for a three-year term. Plus he's also a student at the college.

Back in 1963, Mulder quit college with one semester to go, got married, and began to work for his father at the family-run Zeeland Sash and Door Co. Not finishing his college education was always a regret.

"I often bemoaned the fact that I didn't have a college degree," he says. "So it's very meaningful for me to be back in school at Hope. But you know, it's kind of ironic. If I had graduated from college back in the 60s, I would have never stuck around this place."

"This place" is ODL—Ottawa Door Lights—the new name for his dad's Zeeland Sash and Door. (A door light is not electrical but rather a window in a door.) As part of his requirements for Hope, Mulder did an independent study on the history of his father's company. What the study will tell you is that the entrepreneurial Mulder turned a small shop with five employee and \$65,000 in yearly sales into a multi-million dollar corporation with 290 employees.

After five years of picking away to finish his college education, Mulder will graduate from Hope next May. As a Hope student, he's not even shirked on his core requirements. His final two classes are a senior seminar and foreign language course. With a motion to prove to his senior status, Mulder walks over to his desk and pulls out a thick textbook.

"Right now," he says, holding up the book, "I'm up to my eyeballs in Spanish." 

## Row, rowing her boat

It's over 3,000 miles from Holland's Black River to England's River Cam, and sometimes the distance between today's United States and the practically timeless buildings and gardens of Cambridge University seems even greater. One person who's shown that she can live in both worlds is Kim Waldorf '86, who spent the last academic year doing graduate work in education at Cambridge.

Though the River Black is only used for Pull-ing purposes, Waldorf spent many hours rowing on England's narrow River Cam. As if academic demands weren't enough, the energetic 23-year-old decided to follow the example of her brother (who rowed a little at Yale) and tried out for a place in the Fitzwilliam College ladies' boat.

"I just saw a notice posted on a bulletin board about openings and decided to give it a shot," she said.

Once a competitive AAU swimmer in high school, Waldorf was always interested in rowing, wondering what it would be like to glide through the water without getting wet. Familiar with exhausting swimming workouts at uncongenial times, she admits that she never really adjusted to the December and January practice schedules which let her and her teammates watch the sun rise over the nearly frozen Cam.

"It was absolutely freezing out there," Waldorf reflects. "There were times when my fingers would turn numb and a little blue."

The weather and Waldorf's technique began to warm up for the remaining two seasons during March and April, and May and June. Though a rookie, Waldorf made rapid progress and soon won a place for herself in Fitz's number-one boat, one of the five fastest boats in the river. By the time of the May Bumps—a series of races that rewards boats which catch up to bump the faster boats—Waldorf had established herself in the vital number-one stroke position, beating out other veteran rowers to capture the spot. (A Bump system of racing is used on the River Cam since its narrow width cannot



READY TO ROW: Kim Waldorf '86 gets ready to race on England's River Cam.

facilitate four boats to race abreast of each other.)

Now, having completed her master's degree in philosophy of education through the tradition-filled, you're-on-your-own format of the Cambridge University system, Waldorf has returned to the States and works in Washington, D.C. Her rowing days aren't over, though. She hopes to find a team in the Washington area where races are rowed on a much wider, more impressive river than the Cam—the River Potomac.



## alumni alert

by David Van Dyke '84  
Alumni Director

It's a beautiful autumn in Holland and, as always, very busy. We have held a number of regional events around the country the past few months, and I have enjoyed seeing many old and new friends. An alumni picnic was held in Washington, D.C. in September. This has become an annual event for Washington alums, and **Rich Webster '84** did an excellent job organizing this year's picnic. **John Abe '79** put together a great get-together at the Mid Day Club for all Hopeites who live or work in downtown Chicago. This event was also well-attended, and I know we will have more of those, too.

Early in October we held a very unique alumni and friends event in the Dallas area. From our upper deck box seats, we watched the Texas Rangers play the Seattle Mariners. (Not exactly the Detroit Tigers versus the Toronto Blue Jays, I know, but . . . ) Many thanks go to **Jeff Cordes '80** who organized this event for us.

Homecoming 1987, "Who says you can't go home again!", was a huge success. Many Hopeites did come home on Saturday, Oct. 10 as record attendance was reported. The inauguration of Dr. John H. Jacobson as Hope's tenth president highlighted the weekend on Friday afternoon. The classes of 1982 and 1977 celebrated their five and 10-year reunions. I would like to thank **Nancy Moore Souders, Paul Boersma, and Kimberly Kuiper Josephson** for heading up the '82 reunion. For the '77 reunion, thanks go to **Rob Pocock, Betsy Boersma Jasperse, Sue Dirkse Carlson, and Jane VandeBunte Knecht**.

We have begun our series of regional dinners to introduce John and Jeanne Jacobson. We held two very successful events already in Muskegon and Grand Rapids. Upcoming events will be held throughout Michigan in Ann Arbor on Oct. 28; Lansing on Oct. 29; Detroit, Nov. 4; Kalamazoo, Nov. 5; Midland, Nov. 12; Chicago, Nov. 19; and Southwest Michigan, Dec. 3. If you live in these area, you will be receiving an invitation soon.

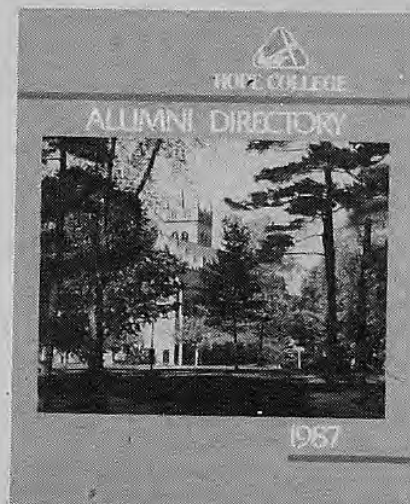
**Stan Busman '73 and Christine Peterson '84** are putting a fun evening together for all Hopeites in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area on Tuesday, Nov. 17. I'm looking forward to spending time with our group there.

The Hope Flying Dutchman basketball team will be playing in a roundball tournament in Pella, Iowa on Nov. 27-28. If you are headed for Iowa or live in the area, the Alumni Association will be sponsoring a get-together with the team on Friday evening.

As you can see, I've been travelling a lot lately, but I'm looking forward to seeing you when we come your way.

Oh, by the way, don't forget you will receive the new Alumni Directory free by contributing to this year's Alumni Annual Fund. This new publication came off the press just this month, and it lists all Hope alumni alphabetically and by region. If you send your gift to the Annual Fund soon, you'll receive the directory in time for your Christmas card mailing list. ✍

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This year's Annual Alumni Fund goal is an ambitious \$900,000. With your help, we can make it! Plus, you can double the impact of your gift if you work for a matching gift company.

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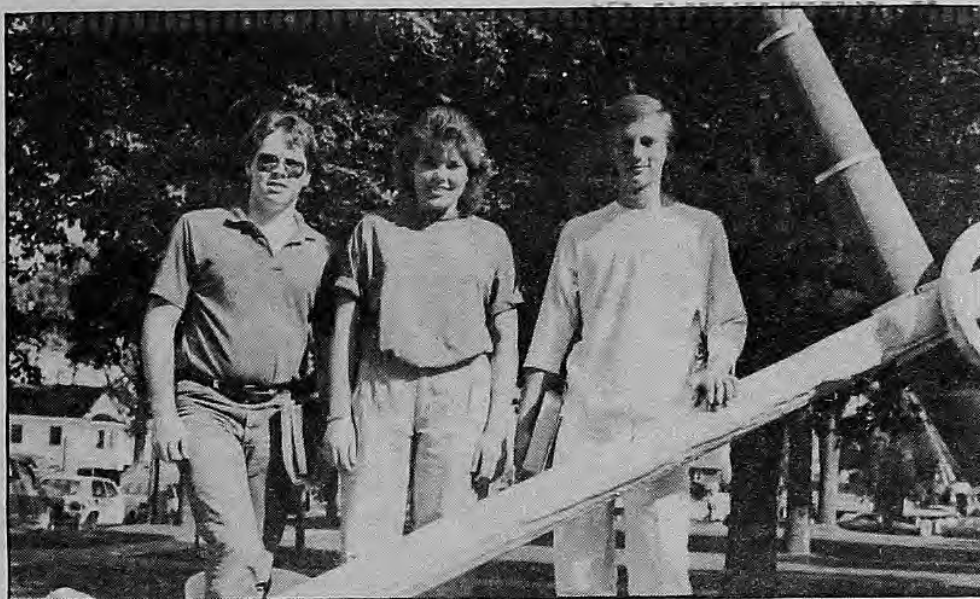
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# Generation Students

Not only is the 1987-88 freshman class the largest ever, the contingent of freshman generation students in the class are also Hope's most ever. One-hundred second, third, and fourth generation students can list their Hope lineage to family ties. The group includes students from as far away as Hawaii, California, and Texas plus one pair of twins, Bill and Michelle Meengs from Petoskey, Mich.

A list of this year's second generation students appears on page 22.



**FOURTH GENERATION:** left to right: Dirk Dykstra of Grand Rapids, Mich., son of Robert '62 and Jane Van Tatenhove '63 Dykstra, grandson of A. A. '35 and Bernice Mollema '32 Dykstra, great-grandson of B. D. Dykstra 1896 and Henry Mollema '07; Frances Lanning of Naperville, Ill., daughter of Nicholas Lanning '59, granddaughter of Nicholas Sr. '30 and Leonore Nykamp '31 Lanning, great-granddaughter of Ensing Lanning '09; Lance Evert, Jr. of Grand Rapids, Mich., son of Lance '62 and Marcia Spaan '63 Evert, grandson of Milton Spaan '36, great-grandson of Cornelius Spaan 1900. Missing: John VerMeulen, Jr. of Sarasota, Fla., son of John VerMeulen '65 and Carol Lamberts '65, grandson of Victor VerMeulen, great-grandson of John T. VerMeulen 1896; Lisa Wolterink of Holland, Mich., daughter of Tom Wolterink '63, granddaughter of Paul Wolterink '38 and Evelyn DeHaan '38, great-granddaughter of John Wolterink '09.



**THIRD GENERATION:** Row 1, left to right: Johnathan Liang of Maple Plain, Minn., son of Susan L. Northuis '76 Liang, grandson of Donald G. '54 and Eunice M. Schipper '52 Northuis; Patricia Stegink of Holland, Mich., daughter of Gordon '61 and Barbara '61 Stegink, granddaughter of Frieda van't Hooft '38 Stegink; Julie Jackson of Grand Rapids, Mich., daughter of Kathy Walsma '66 Jackson, granddaughter of John Walsma '28; Ann deBoom of Troy, Mich., daughter of Edward deBoom '50, granddaughter of Adrian deBoom '25; Susan Piaget of Holland, Mich., daughter of Philip T. '61 and Barbara Timmers '63 Piaget, granddaughter of Adelaid Dethmers '34 Timmers; Michele Monroe of Park Forest, Ill., daughter of David K. Monroe '57, granddaughter of Catherine Sterken '27 Monroe; Kirsten VanZanten of The Woodlands, Tex., daughter of Arnold, Jr. '64 and Gail Fridlington '64 VanZanten, granddaughter of Arnold VanZanten '35; Carl Van Faasen of Holland, Mich., son of Paul '56 and Jan Blunt '58 Van Faasen, grandson of Alton J. Van Faasen '30. Row 2, left to right: Karen Looman of West Allis, Wisc., daughter of Gary J. '60 and Roberta Brookmann '63 Looman, granddaughter of Abraham Looman '15; Rebecca L. Van Hekken of Grand Rapids, Mich., daughter of Sara Vande Poel '62 Van Hekken, granddaughter of Russell Vande Poel '26; Rebecca Tapley of Grand Rapids, Mich., daughter of Sally Stekette '65 Tapley, granddaughter of Simon Stekette '41; Kathleen Kelly of Scotia, N.Y., daughter of Grace DeGraff '67, granddaughter of Edgar DeGraff '30; Karin Marsilje of Holland, Mich., daughter of Edward '64 and Diana Hellenga '64 Marsilje, granddaughter of Isaac H. '33 and June Muehlenbrock '66 Marsilje; Karen Holleman of Granite Springs, N.Y., daughter of Kenneth '63 and Sharron Young '64 Holleman, granddaughter of Paul W. Holleman '38; J. R. Schoon of Fremont, Mich., son of Jon Mark '63 and Mary Kay Paalman '66 Schoon, grandson of Russell J. Paalman. Row 3, left to right: Martha Rynbrandt of Holland, Mich., daughter of Calvin '61 and Marilyn Vanderwilt '62 Rynbrandt, granddaughter of Abraham Rynbrandt '22; Susan Shuck of Hudsonville, Mich., daughter of Barbara Ver Meer '62 Myaard, granddaughter of Leona Peelen '62 Ver Meer; Steven Paul Wiegerink of Grand Rapids, Mich., son of Paul H. Wiegerink '58, grandson of Gerrit H. Wiegerink '33; David Hoffman of Naples, Fla., son of Harvey B. '64 and Sharon Burrill '64 Hoffman, grandson of Harvey B. Hoffman '32 and Lola Butler; Mark Ritsema of Holland, Mich., son of Robert '57 and Mary Alice Ferguson '57 Ritsema, grandson of Hazel Lokker '27 Ferguson; Dawn Burggraaff of Holland, Mich., daughter of John '62 and Jackie Schrottenboer '64 Burggraaff, granddaughter of Rev. Henry '27 and Ruth Hardie '25 Burggraaff; Aaron Brosseit of Grand Rapids, Mich., son of Larry Brosseit '67 and Ron '57 and Mary Baron '67 Albrecht, grandson of Ruth Van Dyke '34 Baron. Missing: David Douma of Lowell, Mich., grandson of George '36 and Florence Vis '36 Douma, great-grandson of Isaac Douma '10; Matt Haverdink of Hudsonville, Mich., son of Gary '64 and Arlene Beimers '64 Haverdink, grandson of Evelyn Kleinheksel '33 Haverdink; Jackie Van Kampen of Zeeland, Mich., daughter of Bruce Van Kampen '69, granddaughter of William Rottschaefer '38 and Ruth Van Kampen.





## Class of 1977

**Row 1:** Jean Lineweaver Schroeder, Elizabeth Elliott McBride, Jean Lightowler Kirchner, Deborah Decker Thompson, Diane Lowe Helmken, Diana Ulrich Holbein, Debbie Markwardt Blaske, Cheryl Booher Hill, Lissa Cadmus Voorhees, Amy Ward Webber, Sandy Mecter Martin, Susan Baker Headworth, Barbara Pyzanowski Bentley, Susan Walkotten McKay, Mary Vandenberg Cupery, Mike Ringelberg, Jerry Bevington, Lynn Thomas, Fred Schlemmer, Greg Caskey, Lee Bechtel, Ruth Johnson James.

**Row 2:** Paul DeWeese, Glenn Toren, Todd Knecht, Mark Brown, Gary Kirchner, Robin Mulder Vidoni, LeeAnn Soodsma, Judy Cook, Jane Vande Bunte Knecht, Betsy Boersma Jasperse, Pat Hahn Durham, Penny Antonak TerHaar, Nancy Petroelje Vande Bunte, Jeff Waterstone, Marie Sherburne Mercier, Randy Mercier, David Bartels, Valerie Winslow Bartels, Thelma Abels Krupp, Jennie Bartels Schmidt, Ed Schmidt, John Sloan, David James.

**Row 3:** Richard Wood, Mary Kolean Koepp, Kathy Babinski Khapman, Marsha Knaup Haan, Suzanne Champagne TeBeest, Julie DeWitt Bullerdick, Lewis Ten Have, Cindy Bere Ten Have, Sue Dirkse Carlson, LuAnn Athey, Janie Wolboldt Hendricks, Rachel Hesselink, Kristie Boelens, Richard Lipp, Claudea Rice, Terry Chockley Crisman, Robert Krupp, Bill Philipson, Brad Van Zyl, Jeff Meyer.

**Row 4:** Miriam Baar Bush, Mary Voskuil Boote, Larry Wisner, Mary Harmelink Wisner, Catherine Beahm Loree, Barbara Boerman Avery, Bobbi Hoover, Stephen Hemenway, Mary Elhart Kraai, Mary Hospers, Rob Pocock, Cindy Arnold Pocock, Craig Van Zanten, Kim Chapman DiNardo, David De Block, Ann Boelkins Raley, Becky Badman, Bob Post, Gerry Mears.

**Row 5:** Ted Newcomb, Sarah Koepp, Peter Moise, Conley Zomermaand, Earl Slotman, Barb Pell Slotman, Rick VanDerMeulen.



## Class of 1982

**Row 1:** Matt Neil, Nancy Moore Souders, Kim Kuiper Josephson, Matthew Fike, Peter White, Frea Westerveld Mars, Faye Berens, Bob Van Eck, Sally Tien Van Eck, Susan DeVree, Tish Carr Boerigter, Veronica Cortes, Lora Hanson Warner, Teresa Hurford Schaefer.

**Row 2:** Melissa Knopf Boer, Sheryl Oomkes, Paul Boersma, Jon Veldman, Lynn Bufe Veldman, Leslie Bethards, Jody Foy Tuls, Cari Beckman, Kathy Scott, Chris Colegrove, Terri Porte, Jane Morey.

**Row 3:** James Boerigter, Sheryl Wildeboer, Teresa Penhorwood Johnson, Karen Bourn, Bill DeWitt, Ron Wood, Debbie Webster Wood, Linda Flanagan Smith, Albert Smith, Paul Van Heest, Rick Reece, Karen Heikema Koedyker.

**Row 4:** Ed Stinson, Steve Cameron, Carol Janke, Dan Heneveld, Betty Buikema, Andrew Birner, Tim Schipper, Tom Koning, Harvey Koedyker.

**Row 5:** Karl Droppers, Mark Van Gessel, Jim VanWyk, Joel Martinus, Ted Bolema, David Rhem, Tim Shaffer, Molly Conaughton, Marty Wick.



# Hope College Alumni Board

Hope College alumni are represented in all 50 United States and in more than 50 foreign countries. Organized in 1967, the Alumni Association numbers nearly 16,000 members. The Association has several regional groups located throughout the United States. Listed below are the Alumni Association Officers.

## Association Officers

President — Steven Norden '74  
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David Van Dyke '84  
Alumni Director

## class notes

News and information for class notes, marriages, births, advanced degrees, and deaths are compiled for *news from Hope College* by Eva D. Folkert of the Office of Public Relations. The deadline for the next issue is Nov. 3.

### 10's

Anna Warnshuis '13 Pyle celebrated her 96th birthday in May.

### 20's

Margaret Hondelink '28 was made an active Rotarian in the Dansville, N.Y. Rotary Club on July 7. She was made their first female honorary Rotarian seven years previously. Margaret is thought to be the first female active member of a Rotary Club in the 11-county District 712 and in New York State. She has been the piano accompanist for the club for 40 years and is still active in piano instruction.

Frank Moser '28 was the Holland Rotary representative at Rotary International in Munich, Germany this past June. After the international meeting, he continued on a tour of Austria, Switzerland, France, Belgium, and the Netherlands with a group of Rotarians.

### 30's

Roger Voskuyl '32 represented Hope College at the inauguration of Westmont College's new president. He also represented Westmont at Dr. Jacobson's inauguration. Roger is the president emeritus of Westmont College (in Santa Barbara, Calif.) where he served for 18 years.

Ed Damson '34 and Mildred Klow '33 Damson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 18. Mickey Essenburg '34 Vanden Bosch and her husband, Earl, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 8.

### 40's

Phillip Waalkes '41, currently a professor at the Johns Hopkins Medical School, was recently honored by the director and faculty of the Johns Hopkins Oncology Center with a special award for his years of service to the Center and to cancer research. In addition, for 1987, he selected by the honor students and the faculty of George Washington University Medical School as the Outstanding Alumnus of the Year and inducted into the George Washington Alpha Chapter of the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society for his accomplishments in the field of oncology.

### 50's

Paul Alderink '50 has been named executive coordinator of Jackson County Ministries of the RCA in Annville, Ky. Gordon Beld '50 and his wife, Martha '51, have published a study on the resettlement of Hmong (Laos) people in the United States for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief of the Episcopal Church. Gordon and Martha have helped resettle Indochinese refugees through their church in Alma, Mich. and served as foster parents for a young Cambodian girl seven years ago. Burrell Pennings '50 visited Meiji Gakuin University in Tokyo, Japan this past summer. After 34 years, Burrell returned to Meiji Gakuin, Hope's sister school, where he taught English for three years from 1951-54. Molly Buttles '52 Baker recently displayed his watercolor works at an art exhibit in Grand Haven, Mich. entitled "Cycles: Artists' Guild of Holland." Molly exhibited her work with seven other artists.

James Harvey '52 has been elected to the Executive Board of the Eastern District of the Moravian Church. This election follows completion of a term as trustee on the Board of the Moravian Theological Seminary. James has also recently founded a management consulting firm called Harvey Associates. The establishment of this new firm follows James' sale of a partnership in McManis Associates, a Washington, D.C.-based consulting firm where he had been for the last 14 years.

Randy Vande Water '52 has been re-elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors for the Michigan Associated Press Editorial Association. Randy is the managing editor of the *Holland (Mich.) Sentinel*.

Myra DeGraaf '54 is a teacher at Lakeview Elementary School in Holland, Mich.

David Kragt '54 is teaching English for a year at the East China Petroleum Institute in Dongying, People's Republic of China.

Paul Van Faasen '56 has been elected to a six-year term on the Ottawa Area (Mich.) Intermediate School District Board of Education. Paul is a professor of biology at Hope College.

Peter Durkee '57 has accepted a call to become senior pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minn. after 10 1/2 years as senior pastor at Park Central Presbyterian Church in Syracuse, N.Y.

Paul Schieringa '57 is the administrative director of the Croswell Opera House and Fine Arts Association in Adrian, Mich.

Philip Toppen '58 Memorial Fund has been created to furnish and name a multi-purpose conference area in the new Office of Admissions building in memory of Phil, a member of Hope's admission staff for 11 years. Construction of the new admissions center, located at the corner of 10th St. and College Ave., will be completed in the spring of 1988. Contributions may be sent to the Toppen Memorial Fund, c/o College Advancement, Hope College, Holland, MI 49423.

### 60's

Patty DeJong '63 Brink had her works exhibited at the Fine Art Gallery of the University of Wisconsin. Her show was entitled "Photography: Still Life, Landscape, Portraiture."

Marcia Meengs '63 Eaton has been named Distinguished Employee of the Year by the Zeeland (Mich.) Board of Education. She is a kindergarten teacher at Roosevelt Elementary School. Marcia has also served as cheerleading coach for the district. She has been employed by Zeeland public schools for the past 16 years.

Ted McNitt '63 gave the commencement speech to graduating seniors at Saugatuck (Mich.) High School this past June. Ted practices medicine in Holland. He is a Saugatuck alum.

Glen TerBeek '64 has been promoted to director of

worldwide consumer products for Arthur Andersen Co. Glen was also recently elected to the Hope College Board of Trustees.

Thomas Steffens '65 presented a research paper at the annual meeting of the American Society of Pharmacology in Honolulu, Hawaii in August. He recently received a new appointment at the Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia. Thomas had served on the staff at the State University of New York, Health Science Center in Syracuse.

Tom Draft '67 has been named director of information resources and furniture manufacturing support services at Sligh Furniture Co. in Holland, Mich.

Tom Renner '67 is a member of a task force on public relations for the National Association of Independent College and Universities. He joins only nine other public relations specialists from across the country. Tom is the director of public relations at Hope.

Tim '69 and Lynda Brown '69 Crandall have returned to the United States after spending a year in England. Tim earned the Diploma in Music (Conducting) from the University of Surrey, Guildford, England. He has returned to his position as band director at Mason (Mich.) High School. Lynda has returned to her job as director of the Office of Special Programs and Services at the Department of Social Services for the State of Michigan.

David Naylor '69 Nealssohn will be presenting a sacred concert at Third Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Mich. on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. David is the minister of music at the Berean Sovereign Grace Baptist Church in Grand Blanc, Mich.

### 70's

Jerry Cripe '70 is an equipment engineering section manager for Motorola in Phoenix, Ariz. Jerry designs and installs state-of-the-art water fabrication systems for various Motorola semiconductor production groups.

Ernie Otta '70 is the chief development geologist with Axem Resources, Inc., an independent oil and gas company active from Canada to offshore in Louisiana and Texas.

Jonathan Fuller '71 works for the Department of Natural Resources in Ohio.

Linda Provo '71 Fulton works for Exxon in the Reservoir Technology Group which initiates detailed geological studies of major reservoirs in the Permian Basin and Rocky Mountain area.

Drew Hinderer '71 has been promoted to full professor of philosophy (with tenure) at Saginaw Valley (Mich.) State College.

Ross Mack '71 is a production engineer with Task Force Tips, Inc., a company which designs tooling and molds for the manufacturing of high performance fire fighting nozzles.

Vern '71 and Nancy Hanna '71 Roelofs have moved to Collegeville, Penn. where Vern will be working as a senior product development engineer with the Shelter Materials Group of CertainTeed Corp.

Linda Draft '72 represented the National Association

for Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) on the women's PanAm softball team selection committee. Linda is the softball coach at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside where she is also the associate athletic director. For the past ten seasons at Parkside, Linda has accumulated a 212-133-1 record. Since the NAIA national softball championship began in 1981, she and her teams have appeared in six of seven national championships.

Mike DeWeerd '72 practices dentistry in Wayland, Mich.

Jon Dykstra '72 recently accepted a new position as executive manager of Intergraph Corp. in Huntsville, Ala.

Bernard Grysen '72 was selected by Michigan Governor James Blanchard as vice chairman of the Governor's Task Force on Recreational Vehicle Safety. Bernard practices emergency medicine and is a nationally recognized medico-legal consultant in emergency, cardiac, and critical care.

Gordon Renkes '72 is the analytical spectroscopy laboratory manager for the chemistry department at Ohio State University in Columbus.

Phil Tappert '72 is the administrative assistant at the International Bible Institute and Seminary in Plymouth, Fla.

Carol Hector '73 Braaksma and her husband, Randy Braaksma '74 are teaching English at Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China for a year.

David Geerts '73 was named vice president and unit manager of the retail merchandising division of Structural Concepts Corp. in Spring Lake, Mich.

Robert Houghton '73 works for the U.S. Geological Survey in three capacities: as the associate district chief, the chief of hydrologic studies for the North Dakota district, and district geochemist. Robert was honored this year as a nominee for the North Dakota Federal Employee of the Year.

Harold Modrow '73 is enrolled in the U.S. Army Medical Department Officer Advanced Course in San Antonio, Tex. For the last two years he has been a research contract staff officer for the Army's medical chemical defense research program.

Phillip Russell '73 was promoted from lieutenant to lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy. He is chief engineer on the USS Nitro.

Sally Penny '73 Tappert is in her fourth year of home schooling and is also substitute teaching for a French class at Bear Lake Christian Academy in Forest City, Fla. Bob Zilinski '73 is the senior international geologist for Union Texas Petroleum Corp. in Houston, Tex. Bob just completed a six-month basin reevaluation on offshore acreage in Spain. He and his wife, Pat DeKam '73, will soon be moving their family to London where Bob has been transferred.

Brian Boeve '74 is a professional medical representative for Syntex Laboratories of Palo Alto, Calif. Brian will provide health care professionals in Muskegon, Mich. with medical background and usage information on Syntex pharmaceutical products.

Jack Klunder '74 has recently moved to Franklin, Tenn.

## Are you a snowbird?

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**Lois VanderMeulen '36 Ellert** recently competed in the Masters' National Senior Olympic Swimming Meet held in The Woodlands, Tex. She entered as a member of the Rocky Mountain Y team. Here's how Lois finished: second-place in both the 400 and 200-m freestyles; fourth-place in both the 100 and 200-m backstroke; and fifth-place in the 100-m freestyle.

All this is quite an achievement for a woman who did not take up swimming until a few years ago.

where he will start a new RCA church.

**James Minzey '74** is the general manager of Village Inn Pancake House Restaurants in Colorado Springs, Colo.

**John Mayo '74**, a major in the U.S. Army, is now the general dentistry resident with the Dental Activity at Fort Knox, Ky.

**Dale Rice '74** is a senior project engineer with Engineering-Science in Syracuse, N.Y. Prior to completing his master's degree work at Syracuse University this year, Dale was awarded the Department of Civil Engineering Outstanding Service Award.

**Jane VanderVelde '74** has joined the law firm of Giddy and Associates in Holland, Mich. Jane will be practicing law in the areas of divorce, probate, family practice and real estate.

**Jeff Colburn '75** shares a general dentistry practice with his father, Burrill, in Muskegon, Mich.

**Rhoda Lemmen '75** works for United Technologies in Traverse City, Mich.

**Waynes Freisatz '75** is currently a graduate student in geology at the University of North Dakota. Wayne and his wife, Nancy, own a company called NW Geologic Consulting which involves them in wellsite consulting and contract studies for the oil and gas industry.

**Mary Koeppel '75 Luidens** has completed her residency in internal medicine and has begun a fellowship in endocrinology at Albany Medical College in New York.

**John Sengelaub '75** is the regional director of dealer operations and alternate channels for Western Union Telegraph Co. in New York.

**Nick Verhey '75** was recently transferred to Oklahoma City, Okla. where he will be an exploration geologist

**Cornelius Pettinga '42** has received the 1987 Dr. Charles H. Best Award for his outstanding work in the field of diabetes. Presented by the American Diabetes Association, the award is named in honor of the co-discoverer of insulin. Cornelius, who retired in November 1986, was the executive vice president responsible for research and developing and manufacturing at Eli Lilly and Co. He was the first Lilly scientist to label insulin with radioactive isotopes. This made it possible to track the hormone during laboratory studies of metabolism. He also directed Lilly efforts to improve the purity of animal insulin and to isolate and analyze the pancreatic hormone glucagon. More recently, Cornelius led his company's efforts to produce human insulin based on recombinant DNA technology.

for Mobil Oil.

**Karen Johnson '75 Weiner** teaches linguistics and English as a second language at Clarkson University and SUNY at Potsdam in a joint position arranged by the Associated Colleges of the St. Lawrence Valley.

**Mary Hill '76** will be moving to Denver in November where she will work as a ground-water hydrologist for the Water Resources Division of the U.S. Geological Survey.

**Janet Loveless '76 Lewis** was recently transferred from Mobil Oil's New Orleans office to the Dallas office where she works with a regional geology team for a project in southern Pakistan.

**Dwayne Boyce '77** has been appointed senior communications manager in charge of public relations and advertising for Herman Miller, Inc. Dwayne has moved to Grand Rapids, Mich. from New York, N.Y.

**Bob Drake '77** is a technical editor for *Pit & Quarry* and *Concrete* magazines.

**Richard Nolen-Hoeksema '77** is a research geophysicist in the reservoir engineering division of Chevron Oil Field Research Co. in California.

**Ellen Ziegler '77** is employed with Science Applications International Corp. which provides technical and management support for a proposed high-level nuclear waste site at Yucca Mountain, Nev.

**Mary Jo Bertsch '78** was recently elected resident physician representative of the American College of Cardiology and represented that organization at the annual meeting of the American Medical Association in Chicago. Mary Jo is currently the chief fellow cardiologist at the University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago. She plans to enter practice in the Chicago area

next July.

**Doug Burns '78** delivered an address at the spring meeting of the American Geophysical Union on the geochemical affects of acid precipitation. Doug is a hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Reston, Va.

**Carol Donahue '78 Gephardt** is a one of the top triathlon performers in the East. She recently won the Oceanside Triathlon in Hampton, N.H., a state championship.

**Todd Harburn '78** has completed an orthopedic surgery residency and is serving as orthopedic consultant for athletics at Alma College, with a solo practice in sports medicine/orthopedic surgery in Alma, Mich.

**John Kosta '78** has joined **Robert Petroelje '69** in practice of ear, nose, and throat surgery in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Michael Smit '78** recently had his latest musical, "Ready or Not," appear in an off-Broadway house, Intar Theatre, for a month.

**Brian Stauffer '78** competed in this year's Ironman Triathlon in Kona, Haw. and placed 188th overall out of 1,500 competitors. In the 30-34 age group, Brian was 38th. His time was 10 hours, 39 minutes. Brian also captured five overall wins with three course records this past summer in triathlons in Michigan and Indiana.

**Mary Jo Coughenour '78 Swieringa** is teaching English and German at Waverly High School near Lansing, Mich.

**David VanderVelde '78** is director of the Center for Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy for the medicinal chemistry department at the University of Kansas.

**Paul Anker '79** has been named an associate in the telecommunications consulting group for Plante and Moran in Southfield, Mich.

**Celaïne Bouma-Prediger '79** was a staff therapist at La Vie, a Christian counseling center in Pasadena, Calif. Celaïne is now working as a marriage, family, and child therapist in Chicago.

**Steve Bouma-Prediger '79** entered a Ph.D. program in religion this fall at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. He will be concentrating on the field of philosophical theology.

**Karen Okker '79 Siebenthal** is a biomedical technologist for Midwest Oncology Research Laboratory at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

**Nancy Stiehler '79** received a doctoral fellowship from the Central Michigan University School of Graduate Studies. Nancy will do her doctoral work in the field of clinical psychology.

**Sandra Wiederhold '79 VanDeWeert** has completed her chief residency in pediatrics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has joined the Borgess Pediatric Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

## 80's

**Glenn Luther '80** is working on a master of science degree in nurse anesthesiology at the State University of New York at Albany.

**Rocco Massimiano '80** is a Los Angeles representative for Eli Lilly and Co. Pharmaceuticals.

**Tracy VanMouwerik '80 Massimiano** operates a custom picture framing business out of her home in Burbank, Calif.

**Deanna Palladino '80 Montgomery** is a geophysicist with Pennzoil Exploration and Production in Houston, Tex.

**Philip Harmelink '66** professor of accounting at the University of New Orleans, has been awarded the fourth annual UNO/AMOCO Foundation Undergraduate Teaching Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award was presented during the university's summer commencement. A member of the UNO faculty since 1979, Philip is a specialist in federal taxation. He is a certified public accountant in Louisiana and Ohio.

**Perry Paganelli '80** is the new varsity basketball coach for Wyoming (Mich.) Rogers High School.

**Terry Turpin '81 Amato** is a writer-producer for WDIV-Channel 4 in Detroit, Mich.

**Ellen Bale '81** is working toward a master of business administration degree at Webster University in St. Louis.

**William Davros '81** is an assistant professor of radiology at Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

**Dirk Doorenbos '81** is a hydro-geologist with EDI Engineering and Science in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Karen Gruber '81** has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force upon her graduation from Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

**Katherine Koops '81** recently finished her first year of law school at the University of Florida at Gainesville after ending her service as a Naval officer.

**Janet Lootens '81** is a development communications specialist at Harper-Grace Hospitals in Detroit, Mich.

**Nicholas Marcelletti '81** is a residence hall director at Ball State University in Ohio.

**David Schackow '81** is a realtor with Timberbrook Realty in Holland, Mich.

**Garrett TenHave-Chapman '81** will begin studies this fall at the Chicago-Kent College of Law. Garrett was also ordained in the United Church of Christ in June.

**John Webster '81** just completed his first year in a Ph.D. program in geology at Indiana University. He also continues to work on a coal desulfurization project with the Illinois State Geological Survey.

**Bruce Bourdon '82** has completed the Officer Indoctrination School at the Naval Education and Training Center in Newport, R.I. Bruce was prepared as a newly-commissioned officer for duty.

**Russell Camp '82** has accepted a call to be associate pastor at Grove Reformed Church in North Bergen, N.J.

**David DeWitt '82** is the director of the Central Park Player's production of "On Golden Pond." The group performs in Grand Haven, Mich.

**Lynn Forth '82** has been admitted to the New York State Bar and has joined the Shanley Law Firm in Oswego, N.Y.

**Holly Cope '82 Schackow** is a credit administrator for Haworth, Inc. in Holland, Mich.

**Timothy Shaffer '82** works in the financial planning department at Buys MacGregor MacNaughton Greenawalt and Co. in Grand Rapids, Mich. He received his juris doctor degree from the University of Michigan in May, 1985.

**Randolph Treu '82** is treasurer and a partner in Fulcrum Construction, Inc., a general contracting firm specializing in residential and commercial property renovations in New York and New Jersey.

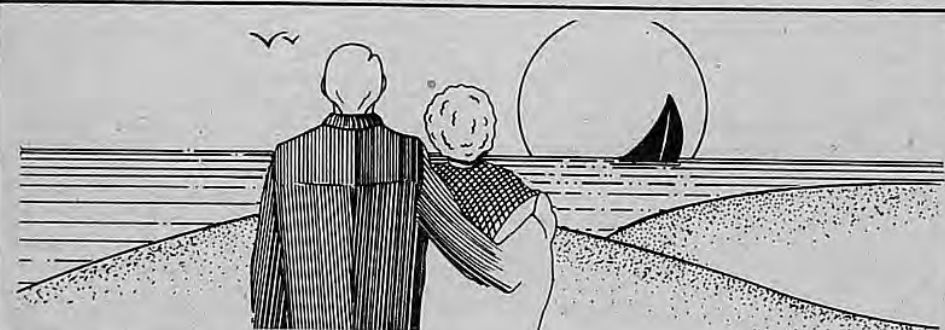
**Cheri DeVos '82 VanderWeide** has been named product manager of the personal care line for Amway Corp. in Ada, Mich.

**Debra Bere '82 VanderZyden** is an account manager at WCHL Radio in Chapel Hill, N.C. Deb's job also includes on-air work and copywriting.

**Ron Visscher '82** has started a new business called "Classic Expressions," a national overnight fresh and exotic flower delivery service located in Chicago.

**Scott Broekstra '83** is an exploration geologist with Tenneco. Scott is exploring for oil and gas off the shore of Louisiana and the upper coast of Texas.

**Brian Bussa '83** works as an instrument person on a survey crew with Washington Engineering which completes topographical, boundary and construction



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Thank you, and we look forward to hearing your stories.



**Joan Donaldson '75** was named the Michigan Homemaker of the Year at the Michigan State Fair in Detroit this fall. Joan, who won the Allegan County Young Homemaker of the Year Award last fall, was chosen from among 40 contestants for the statewide honor. She and her husband, John VanVoorhees '76, grow blueberries on an organic farm on the outskirts of Fennville, Mich.

**Craig VanderKolk '76** was a member of the 70-person medical team which performed the 22-hour operation separating Siamese twins, Patrick and Benjamin Binder of Ulm, West Germany. Craig is a plastic surgeon at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He and another plastic surgeon worked closely with the neurosurgical part of the team operating to separate a vein shared by the twins in the back of the head. The two plastic surgeons were responsible for planning the opening and reconstruction of the scalp and its flaps for eventual closure as separate scalp coverings.

**Suzanne Galer '81** has been promoted from graduate assistant to associate instructor of voice at Indiana University. She has also been accepted into the doctoral program in vocal performance and has had her full tuition scholarship renewed. Suzanne recently had an operatic role in Gerschwin's *Of Thee I Sing* at the In Opera Theatre.

surveys.

**Connie Goldzung '83 Eckart** is a family life counselor working with pregnant teens in Westerly, R.I.  
**Scott Eding '83** has been installed as associate pastor of Bismarck (N.D.) Reformed Church.  
**Susan Mason '83 Engstrom** is a legislative analyst for the Commerce Clearing House in Chicago.

**Gordon Forth '83** has joined the law firm of Woods, Oviatt, Gilman, Sturm and Clarke of Rochester, N.Y.  
**Steven Greij '83** works at Brookwood Community Hospital in Orlando, Fla. as a physical therapist. Steve received a B.S. degree in physical therapy from Ohio University in June, 1986.

**Kim Lubbers '83** is the eastern regional director for a subsidiary of Harcourt Brace Jovanovich Publishers and is living in New York City.

**Paul Massoth '83** is an environmental response geologist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in Plainwell, Mich.

**Heide Kapischke '83 Olson** is a paper salesperson for the P.H. Glatfelter Paper Mill in Spring Grove, Penn.  
**Leo Reap '83** is an environmental chemist at Western Michigan Environmental Services in Grand Haven, Mich.

**Curt Wissink '83** is a teacher in the Thornapple-Kellogg (Mich.) school system.

**Brian Baker '84** is a production flyman with the national touring company of "Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

**Brian Berkey '84** is a cost analyst at Rex Roto in Howell, Mich.

**Liz Davis '84** is a first-year student at City University of New York Law School at Queens College where she is studying public interest and feminist law.

**Pete Dykema '84** is continuing his graduate studies at the University of Arizona.

**Dick Hoekstra '84** is pursuing an advanced degree in Christian education at Jimmy Swaggert Bible College in Baton Rouge, La.

**Robin Tavernier '84 Smith** works for Associates Commercial Corp. in Chicago.

**Dawn Permesang '84 Solis** is employed by Prince George's County Schools in Brandywine, Md.

**Jim Tewinkle '84** has received the New Nurse of the Year Award in Community Health Nursing given by the Michigan Nurses Association.

**Suzi Olds '84 Velarde** appeared in ABC's Good Morning America on July 23 to promote a festival in Asheville, N.C. where she and her husband, **Derrick '84**, reside.

**Rick VerStrate '84** is employed by an environmental/hazardous waste contractor called MAECORP, Inc. in Grand Rapids, Mich. as a technical foreman/chemical technician.

**Mark Werley '84** teaches physical education at Holland (Mich.) Junior High School.

**Tamira Avrit '85** is a food and hospitality marketing specialist for the headquarters of the U.S. Marine Corps. in Washington, D.C.

**Scott Collins '85** is an account administrator for IBM in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Roger Davis '85** is working toward a master of science degree in environmental science at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University.

**Margie O'Klatner '85** is entering her senior year at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. She is the student chaplain at Eastern College where she is also the director/tour manager of "Transformed," the student Christian drama group. Margie is a fully licensed candidate for ordination in the American Baptist Churches.

**Arthur Simons '85** recently authored a book entitled *Christian Faith and Public Policy — No Grounds for Divorce* (Eerdmans).

**Mary Jane Rhoades '85 VanderVorde** is in her last year of law study at Valparaiso University and will be employed by the law firm of Law, Weathers and Richardson in Grand Rapids upon graduation.

**Ken Whitcomb '85** is teaching art at Byron Center (Mich.) High School.

**Shawn Wietstock '85** is a research scientist at Miles, Inc. in the Ames Division located in Elkhart, Ind.

**Michael Winter '85** is an independent insurance agent for the Okemos (Mich.) Insurance Agency.

**Mary Oomkes '86 Brander** is a staff accountant for Michael K. Ivester, P.C. She is working towards a C.P.A. title.

**Penny Yonkers '86 Collins** is a pricing analyst for Foremost Insurance in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Elizabeth Flikkema '86** teaches first grade at Holland Heights (Mich.) Elementary School.

**Bradford Henderson '86** is the youth minister at St. Stevens Episcopal Church in Durham, S.C.

**Karen Gingras '86 Hoekstra** is teaching high school

English at the Christian Life Academy in Baton Rouge, La.

**Lisa Jurries '86** teaches seventh and eighth grade English at Island Trees Junior High in Levittown, N.Y.

**Thomas Kohl '86** is pursuing a master's degree in business administration at Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

**Scott McCaw '86** is a substitute teacher at West Olive (Mich.) Middle School.

**Suzanne Seifert '86 Latham** has been awarded an assistantship at Western Michigan University where she is working towards a master's degree in sociology.

**Andrea Mainarde '86** is working toward a degree in

public relations and marketing at Western Michigan University. He is the manager of international marketing for Aero-Motive.

**Kate McGory '86** is a featured dancer with the Aerial Dance Company which is based in West Michigan. Kate is also a real estate agent for Woodland Realty in Holland, Mich.

**Mike Reisterer '86** is in his second year at the Marquette University Law School and is the assistant football coach of Dominican High School in Milwaukee, Wisc.

**Cyndy Stannard '86** is the athletic trainer for Tecumseh (Mich.) public schools.

**Denise Swartz '86** is a special education teacher in the

Dowagiac (Mich.) public school system.

**Kelly Stair '86 Wissink** teaches in the Kentwood public school system in Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Sheila Young '86** is serving as a trainee in the Peace Corps. in Mauritania, West Africa.

**Jayne Zwyghuizen '86** is teaching in the Brownsville (Tex.) Independent school district at Cromack Elementary School.

**Anne Allison '87** is an industrial service representative for Manpower Temporary Services in Spring Lake, Mich.

**Judd Efinger '87** is a soils scientist for McDonald/Sharpe Civil Engineers.

**Deb Fleming '87** is the activities coordinator of the

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Health Care Center at St. Paul's Retirement Community in South Bend, Ind.

**Monika Tutzauer '87 Kohsel** works for Tele-Rad, Inc. in Holland, Mich.

**Nancy Fleming '87 Miller** is a registered nurse on the medical- surgical floor at Allegan (Mich.) General Hospital.

**Suzanne Mitchell '87** is an admissions counselor for Hope College.

**Rob Peel '87**, last year's MIAA most valuable swimmer, has qualified to compete in the U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials in the 50-meter freestyle next August.

**William Shell '87** is a computer technician/specialist for Adrian (Mich.) College.

**Lisa Tjoelker '87** teaches first and second grade at Ebenezer Christian School in Lynden, Wash.

**Doug VanDyken '87** is the director of accounting at Hope College.

**Karen Visscher '87** is in the Peace Corps in Kenya, Africa, teaching secondary mathematics.

## marriages

Anthony Amato and Terri Turpin '81, Mar. 28, 1987, Grosse Pointe, Mich.

Brian Berkey '84 and Elizabeth Buurma '87, June 27, 1987, Howell, Mich.

James Brander and Mary Oomkes '86, May 16, 1987.

Robert Bush '82 and Jill Moyers, June 20, 1987, New Market, Va.

Thomas Bylsma '86 and Susan Beswick '86, June 13, 1987, Holland, Mich.

Glenn Cherup and Susan Mooy '64, July 17, 1987, Montague, Mich.

John Cole '86 and Lynette Carter '85, July 18, 1987, Midland, Mich.

Scott Collins '85 and Penny Yonkers '86, June 20, 1987, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Stephen Cramer '86 and Karin Gardlund '87, June 5, 1987.

Timothy DePree '85 and Kirsty Jones '88, June 6, 1987, Holland, Mich.

Bernard Donaldson and Karen Tysse '84, June 20, 1987, Holland, Mich.

Robert Duenckel and Sheryl Hoffmaster '87, May 30, 1987, Hopkins, Mich.

John Eckart and Connie Goldzung '83, June 6, 1987, North Bergen, N.J.

Steven Elenbaas '86 and Rachel Darby, July 11, 1987, Holland, Mich.

Mark Engstrom and Susan Mason '83, June 20, 1987, Albion, Mich.

Robert Flieman and Roxanne Overway '81, July 24, 1987, Holland, Mich.

Bradford Henderson '86 and Elizabeth Blausner, July 18, 1987, Spring Lake, Mich.

Steven Hook '78 and Ardeth Folkert, May 23, 1987, Holland, Mich.

Jack Huisinigh '83 and Julie Rawlings '83, June 6, 1987, Grand Haven, Mich.

James Kolean and Renee Kortman '85, June 26, 1987, Holland, Mich.

Thomas Kohl '86 and Sarah Zuidema '86, April 25, 1987, Ann Arbor, Mich.

James Kohsel and Monika Tutzauer '87, June 20, 1987, Holland, Mich.

James Kragt and Janet Hoffman '84, June 19, 1987, Holland, Mich.

Kevin Large '87 and Lynette Stegenga, Aug. 14, 1987, Holland, Mich.

Andrea Mainardi '86 and Julie Light, July 18, 1987, Italy.

Jeff McGooky '86 and Jane Patterson '85, July 11, 1987, Wyckoff, N.J.

Leo Reap '83 and Sherri Fritz, July 18, 1987, Muskegon, Mich.

Michael Sashenosky '75 and Amanda Dent, July 18, 1987, Montville, N.J.

Bryan Siebenthal and Karen Okker '79, July 25, 1987, St. Augustine, Fla.

Peter Smith and Nancy MacArthur '82, July 11, 1987, Charlevoix, Mich.

Jaime Solis and Dawn Permesang '84, July 18, 1987, Holland, Mich.

Richard Vanderzyden and Debra Bere '82, Sept. 13, 1987, Chicago, Ill.

Richard VandeVorde '84 and Mary Jane Rhoades '84, June 6, 1987, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Doug VanDyken '87 and Beth Kooienga '87, Aug.

1, 1987, Oak Lawn, Ill.

Len Van Ommeren and Susan Marks '85, April 25, 1987, Scotia, N.Y.

Lee Veldhoff '86 and Sybil Babinski '86, May 29, 1987, Hamilton, Mich.

Roger Voskuyl '32 and Margaret Jacobson, May 24, 1986, Pasadena, Calif.

Holland White and Joan Forsberg '81, July 17, 1987, Central City, Colo.

## births

Russell and Barbara Pyzanowski '77 Bentley, Brian Joseph, Aug. 10, 1987, Houston, Tex.

Scott and Kay Neevel '82 Brown, Zachary James, Aug. 16, 1987, Colts Neck, N.J.

Donald and Kathy Shiflett '80 Burmeister, Geoffrey David, Mar. 20, 1987, Holland, Mich.

John '83 and Sarah Saddler '83 Christian, Anna Elizabeth, July 11, 1987, Evanston, Ill.

Brad '81 and Jeanne Cook, Emily Jolyn, July 1, 1987, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Lee '75 and Gayle Currie, Dustin Wakefield and Mitchell Alan, June 12, 1987, Stafford, Va.

Peter and MaryJane Myers '75 Davidson, Devon Jane, May 18, 1987, Rochester, N.Y.

Jon '72 and Connie Dykstra, Kathryn Dean, July 24, 1987, Huntsville, Ala.

Todd '78 and Shirley Bolhouse '79 Harburn, Stacey Ann, Aug. 20, 1987, Alma, Mich.

Gage and Collen Cochran '79 Hunt, Christina Colleen, April 29, 1987, Clearwater, Fla.

Daniel '78 and Jean Kieda, Ryan Daniel, Dec. 12, 1986, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Arthur '80 and Kathy Nyenhuis '80 Kurtze, Arthur George IV, April 28, 1987.

Michael and Pamela McFall '76 Lucas, Steven John, Nov. 26, 1986, Southfield, Mich.

Robert '75 and Mary Koeppe '75 Luidens, Karen Elizabeth, May 7, 1987, Albany, N.Y.

Rocco '80 and Tracy VanMouwerik '80 Massimiano, Ross Anthony, June 17, 1987, Redlands, Calif.

Mark '78 and Penny Peck '79 Oppenhuizen, Peter John, Aug. 1, 1987.

Tom '76 and Nancy Bennett '76 Page, Amy Elise, April 2, 1987, adopted Aug. 10, 1987, Korea.

Robert '77 and Nancy Campbell '78 Post, Kelly Campbell, May 12, 1987, Jenison, Mich.

William Rasplica and JoDee Keller '74, Caitlin Keller Rasplica, July 28, 1987, Dixon, Ill.

William and Sherry Visscher '78 Reus, Lauren Mary, March 27, 1987, San Francisco, Calif.

Mark '86 and Kathy VanGiessen '85 Scholten, Sarah Elizabeth, July 21, 1987, Wyoming, Mich.

Richard and Kimberly VanDuyne '79 Skaff, Jeffrey Richard, June 13, 1987.

Ed '82 and Margie Deckard '83 Stinson, Matthew Jay, June 24, 1987, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Kevin and Beth Harvey '81 Syperda, Luke Allen, July 6, 1987, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Garrett '81 and Laurie TenHave-Chapman, Lisa Marian, April 20, 1987, Lombard, Ill.

Robert and Debra Umbach '82 Tronrud, Christopher Ryan, June 18, 1987.

Ronald '82 and Carolina Visscher, David Alexander, Nov. 8, 1986, Chicago, Ill.

David '78 and Jane Visser '79 Vander Velde, Paul Arthur, July 26, 1987, Lawrence, Kan.

Jeff and Linda Richards '76 VanDerWeele, Philip Mark, June 3, 1987, Lawyersville, N.Y.

Jeff and Sally Korstange '71 Voss, Julie Jean, Dec. 26, 1986, San Angelo, Tex.

Bruce and Janet Cioffi '73 Workman, Timothy Joseph, May 9, 1987, Orange, Calif.

Bruce and Karen Johnson '75 Weiner, Miriam Beth, July 21, 1987, Potsdam, N.Y.

Mark '75 and Janet Zielke, Elizabeth Ashley, Oct. 3, 1986.

## advanced degrees

Tamra Avrit '85, master of business administration degree, George Washington University, May 1987.

Douglas Borst '82, D.D.S., University of Texas Dental School, May 1987.

Celaine Bouma-Prediger '79, master of divinity degree, Fuller Theological Seminary, June 1987.

Steve Bouma-Prediger '79, master of divinity degree,

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Father - Charles Becher '63

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Father - Kenneth McConnell '51

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Father - William L. Meengs '64

**Michelle Meengs** - Petoskey, Mich.  
Father - William L. Meengs '64

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Grandfather - Clarence J. Becker '31

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Mother - Marilyn DeWitt '63 Norman

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Father - Joseph Palmer '48

**Jim Peerbolte** - Holland, Mich.  
Mother - Ruth Peerbolte '89

**Jonathon W. Pierpont** - Winnetka, Ill.  
Mother - Judith Pierpont '67  
Father - James Pierpont '66

**Chris Piersma** - South Holland, Ill.  
Mother - Janet Lincoln '62 Piersma  
Father - Don Piersma '60

**Kristin Ransford** - Chapel Hill, N.C.  
Mother - Sally Kooistra '65 Ransford  
Father - Paul Ransford '65

**Nathan Robrahn** - Grand Rapids, Mich.  
Father - Ralph Robrahn '64

**Kristina A. Romence** - Grand Rapids, Mich.

Father - Jack L. Romence '61

**Kevin S. Rosenau** - Cadillac, Mich.  
Grandmother - Elizabeth Smith '31 Becker  
Grandfather - Clarence J. Becker '31

**John Ruiter** - Spring Lake, Mich.  
Father - Allen Ruiter '63

**Laura M. Schregardus** - Davis, Calif.  
Mother - Bourgi A. Hoerner '65  
Father - Darell J. Schregardus '63

**Eric S. Stansby** - Holland, Mich.  
Father - David A. Stansby '66

**Kathryn A. Stryker** - Romeo, Mich.  
Grandmother - Marian Anderson '31  
Stryker  
Grandfather - John Stryker '32

**Kara Tellier** - Albany, N.Y.  
Father - Norm Tellier '63

**Scott VanDeHoef** - Libertyville, Ill.  
Mother - Carol Bultman '68 VanDeHoef  
Father - Larry VanDeHoef '67

**Brian J. VanderKolk** - South Haven, Mich.  
Mother - Marilyn R. Bates '65 VanderKolk  
Father - James H. VanderKolk '65

**Mark Van Duinen** - Spring Lake, Mich.  
Father - Wayne Van Duinen '63

**Mary VanZoeren** - Wyoming, Mich.  
Mother - Ann Fischer '67 VanZoeren  
Father - Keith VanZoeren '64

**Donna Wagner** - Palos Heights, Ill.  
Mother - Norma Vanderlaan '65 Wagner  
Father - George Wagner '62

**Melanie Waldron** - Redlands, Calif.  
Mother - Trudy Van Dyk '65 Waldron  
Father - Jeff Waldron '66

**Linda Warner** - Alto, Mich.  
Mother - Nella Swart Warner

**Michele L. Weerstra** - Spring Lake, Mich.  
Father - David Weerstra '62

**Claudia White** - Honolulu, Hawaii  
Mother - Mary Fryling '62 White  
Father - David E. White '60

**Melissa Wikman** - Muskegon, Mich.  
Father - David Wikman '62



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University of Illinois, May 1987.

Shawn Wietstock '85, master's degree in analytical chemistry, Indiana University, Aug. 1987.

**Harmon DenHerder '18** died Tuesday, June 23, 1987 in Zeeland, Mich.

Surviving are her husband, Adrian; a son, Adrian; two daughters, Patricia Meuser and Barbara Dinnsen; two grandchildren; and six brothers.

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The Exum family on the death of sophomore Erik Exum who died of acute asthmatic seizure Tuesday, Sept. 22.



# Robert Schuller on the state of television ministry

Nineteen-eighty-seven will undoubtedly go down in history as the year of the American television ministry crisis. Rocked by the Jimmy and Tammy Faye Bakker ordeal, the country began to pay microscopic attention to a realm of television programming which hardly ever drew an exorbitant amount of publicity before.

Suddenly, with the Bakker scandal, all television ministers found themselves lumped to one general profession labeled "televangelists," a relatively new-fangled word. During 1987, it was a label that also deemed them "irresponsible" and "unaccountable." The rash of generalizations about television ministers meant that men like Jerry Falwell, Jimmy Swaggert, Pat Robertson and Oral Roberts were magnified under the close-up lenses of *Time* magazine, network news, and every daily newspaper in the country. And not the least of those included in the television ministry crack-down was Dr. Robert Schuller '47.

A Reformed Church in America minister, Schuller is the founder and senior pastor of the largest RCA congregation in America — the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif. His "Hour of Power," an established religious program since 1970, is broadcast to 171 stations across the country from the Crystal Cathedral, a magnificent glass structure built in 1980. Pastoring an established church then, and not just evangelizing from a staged ministry, Schuller's "Hour of Power" weekly audience totals approximately two-and-a-half million, and according to recent Nielsen ratings, that makes it the most popular weekly religious telecast.

Still, Schuller's ministry has been affected by a dilemma it had no control over. For this issue of *news from Hope College*, the Rev. Stephen Norden, a fellow RCA minister and president of the Hope College Alumni Association, talked to Hope's most famous alum at a retreat Schuller hosted.

Here, then, are Dr. Schuller's views on the current

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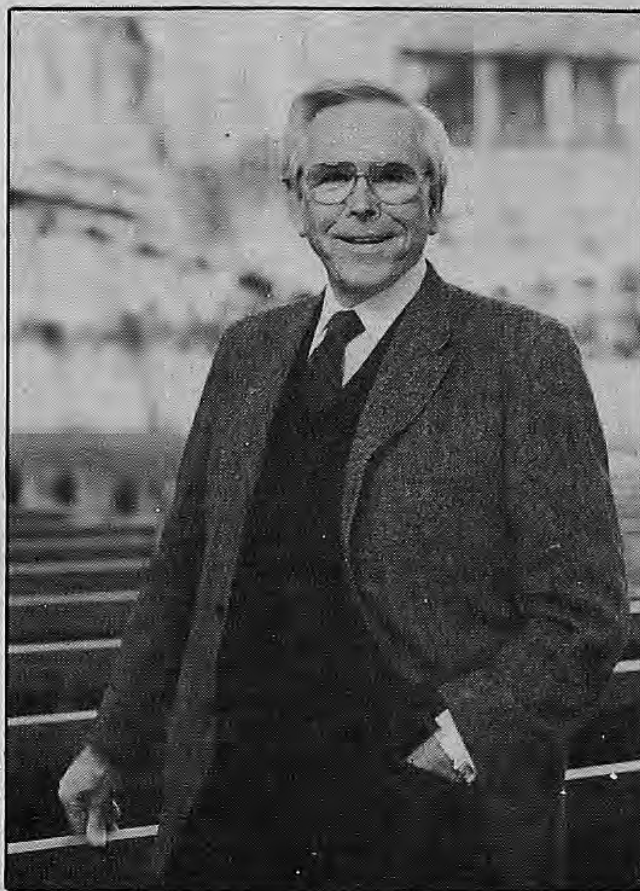
state of television ministry and its future.

**Norden:** "How have the events of the past year affected your ministry?"

**Schuller:** "It's affected our ministry by what I call irresponsible journalists who fail to make distinctions between the different people who are televising religion. Therefore, they have lumped us together and taken the perception that all people in religious television must be doing something immoral, unethical or irresponsible. And therefore, we have to be accountable, and we have to be exposed. So, that attitude has forced us to reveal even our own personal ministries which has not been a comfortable thing. It's very uncomfortable to suddenly be viewed as suspicious. Now, though, we have come through that period of excess inquisitiveness. I've never felt that we were lacking in accountability because, as you know, we belong to the Reformed Church in America and that's where we present our accountabilities. It's been difficult but I think that we are now perceived by the American people as distinctive. And that doesn't mean we're better or worse, it just means we're different. I'm hopeful that as I look back on this period, I'll be able to say, 'Well, at least they see the difference between a Jimmy Swaggert, a Jerry Falwell, a Pat Robertson, and a Robert Schuller.'"

**Norden:** "How is the 'Hour of Power' different from other religious telecasts?"

**Schuller:** "First of all, we are a televised church service that aims at ministering to spiritual and emotional needs. And we transcend sectarianism. We deliberately proclaim a message that can also be healing and inspiring to Roman Catholics or persons of almost every



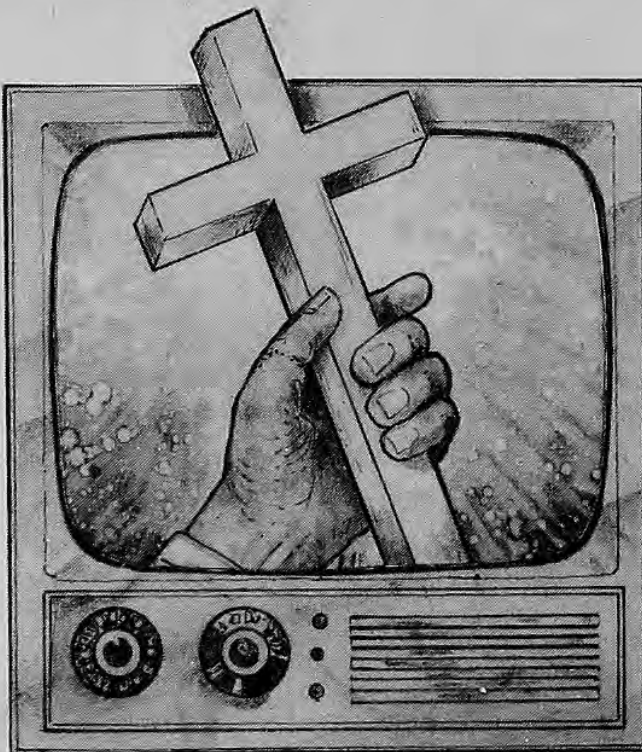
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Protestant persuasion. But, we are not geared to satisfy the spiritual needs of the negative, neurotic Christian. And we do have those. So I would say we are a positive, ecumenical, classical, mainline Christian church service.

"Then, I would also say we are unlike many of the television ministries which were primarily established by evangelists who come into town, set up a tent, try to convert people, then move on. For many of the television programs, religious television is an evangelism tent in a TV set, whereas the pastor who has a church is interested in ministering to the total needs of the people. Their mentality is different. Again, it doesn't mean it's better or worse. I'm just analyzing it, not judging it."

**Norden:** "What do you say to people who have lost their faith in television ministers?"

**Schuller:** "I would say that faith placed in any one person is faith wrongly placed. Faith must only be placed in God. Misconduct charges have been an unfortunate part of the history of Christianity, yet millions worship God each week at their local church. Each minister should be judged according to his or her own conduct and merits as an individual. Try to trust your minister, but place your faith in God."



"Also, those people who have lost faith have done so because they've become suspicious, and suspicion is the most unreliable form of mental activity and one of the most difficult to uproot once it has established its malignant tentacles in the human thought process. So whether or not we can win their confidence back is a difficult thing to say. All I'd say to them is take a look, listen. If what we say helps you, receive the help. And I don't care if you trust me or don't trust me, but let me help you if I can. I think the most painful thing in the world is to have a cure for somebody who's dying, only to find that the dying person doesn't trust the extended hand, views with suspicion the offer of help, and rolls over on his side and dies. Anybody who has brought medicine to underdeveloped countries has also had this experience."

**Norden:** What should the public expect as a "standard of morals and integrity" from television ministers?"

**Schuller:** I think they should expect exactly what they would expect from the local Protestant minister or from the Roman Catholic priest in their hometown. No more, no less."

**Norden:** After all this uproar, what do you see as the future of television ministry?"

**Schuller:** "The future is very solid if we're able to gain access to the marketplace. There has been a growing trend in this country, particularly over the past year, to discriminate against the sale of air-time to religious personalities. If that continues to be the case, if that is not challenged in the courts, well, then obviously television ministries have a dim future. I'm a great believer in the free market place and free enterprise which also means I'm a great believer ultimately that there are going to be television stations interested in the bottom line. And if they can derive more revenue, earn more from sponsors for some religious telecast, then they'll buy it (the show). Ideology has an almost infinite capacity to rationalize as it moves closer and

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closer to the bottom line. And corporate policy has an almost infinite ability to overlook contradictions also as they move closer to the bottom line. So I'm hopeful that we'll be able to have the freedom to buy the time.

"If that is the case, then I happen to believe that our particular television ministry could last for decades because we're classical and not fashionable. Our message has never been the latest theological fad. One Irish writer, I believe it was Oscar Wilde, said, 'Who marries the spirit of his age will soon find himself a widower.' So, I've always been nervous and uneasy about jumping into contemporary theological fads. We've always tried to develop a theology based upon the unchanging nature of the human person. And that's the need of dignity, self-respect, self-worth. We relate that to the Gospels and have it totally scriptural in its support."

"So, I think that 100 years from now the Crystal Cathedral will be a beautiful facility still broadcasting across the country and the world. I think there's always room for our kind of a cognitive and positive emotionally centered church service." ✱

*Interviewer Steve Norden is a 1974 Hope graduate. Norden was attending Dr. Schuller's retreat because, like the well-known minister, he too is beginning a new RCA church in Dublin, Ohio. He agreed to talk to Dr. Schuller and ask the prepared questions upon the request of the news from Hope staff.*